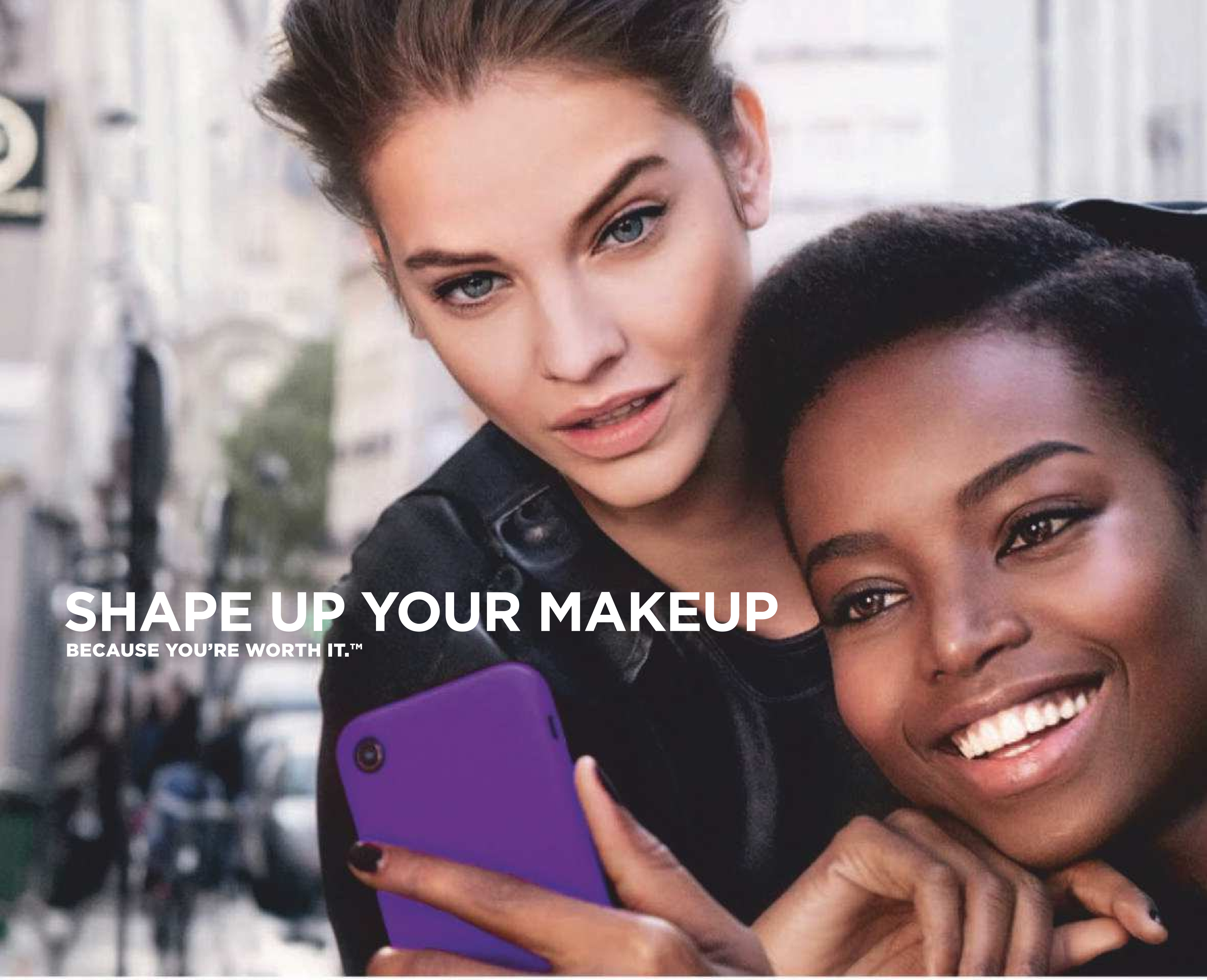

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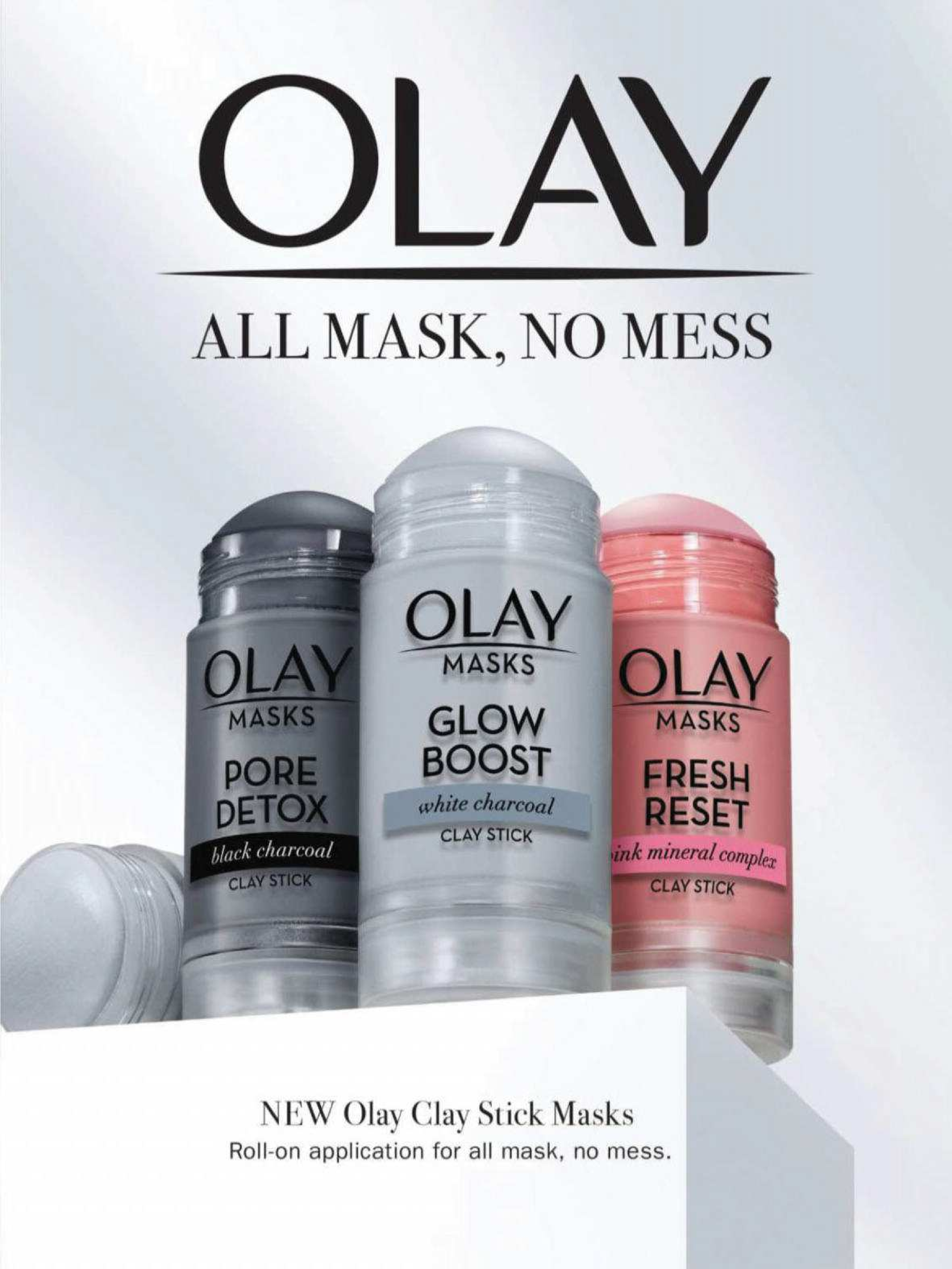
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—JULIA ROBERTS, reflecting on putting her armpit hair on display at the 1999 *Notting Hill* premiere, on *Busy Tonight*

'That's the most awkward scene to see with your parents in the whole world. My poor father'

—TIMOTHEE CHALAMET, on the infamous peach sex scene from *Call Me by Your Name*, to *i-D* magazine

'I am basically wearing a pleated couture bedsheet'

—ANNE HATHAWAY, joking about her Valentino gown, at the Hollywood Film Awards

'Just close your eyes and jump!!! NO FEAR!!! Thank you to my family for all the support. BEST BIRTHDAY EVER!'

—SEAN "DIDDY" COMBS, after skydiving to the Playboy Mansion for his 49th birthday, on Instagram

'If my kids complain when Cash and I go to work, I say, "Do you like your life? Because it's not free"'

—JESSICA ALBA, on explaining to daughters Honor, 10, and Haven, 7, why she and husband Cash Warren have to work, to *Parents*

'I've taken care of myself, and now it shows'

—JENNIFER LOPEZ, on her revealing *InStyle* photo shoot (below)

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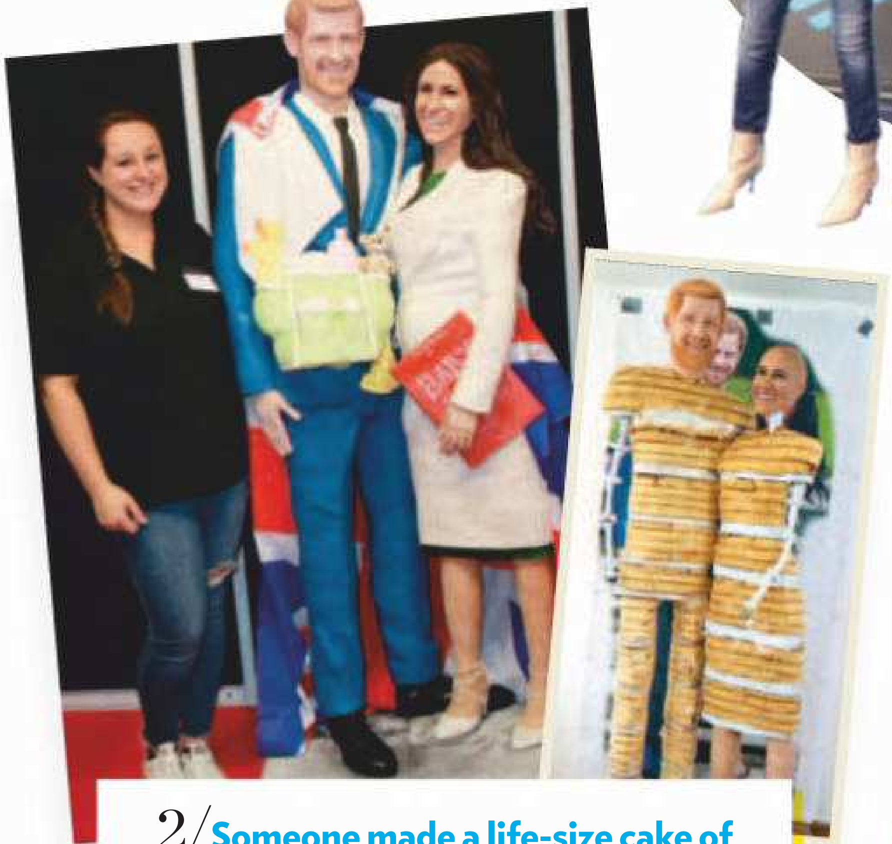
5 Things We're Talking About!

1/ Kristin Chenoweth will never play in the NBA

The L.A. Clippers' 7'3" Boban Marjanovic towered over the 4'11" actress when she sang the national anthem in Oklahoma City.

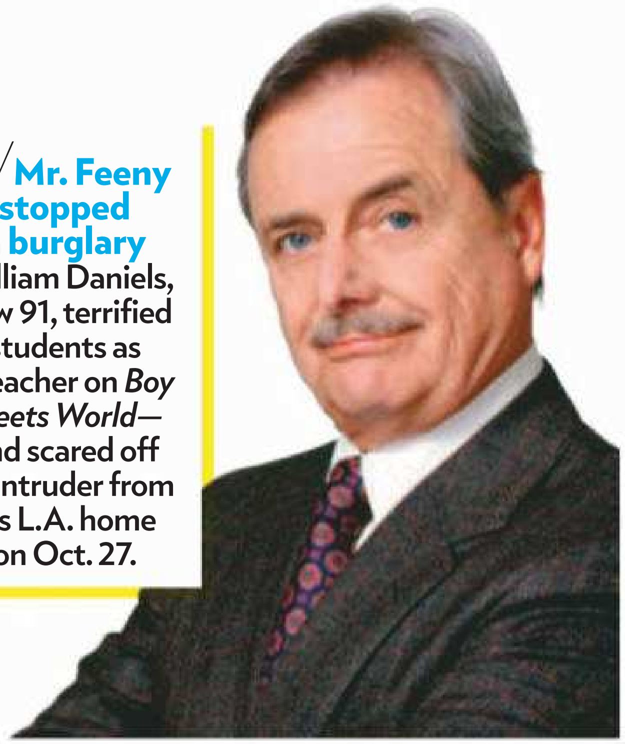


2/ Someone made a life-size cake of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle

Hungry? British baker Lara Mason spent more than 250 hours creating the sweet treat, which weighs in at 280 lbs. and can feed approximately 1,000 people. The royal dessert was displayed at a baking show in Birmingham, England.

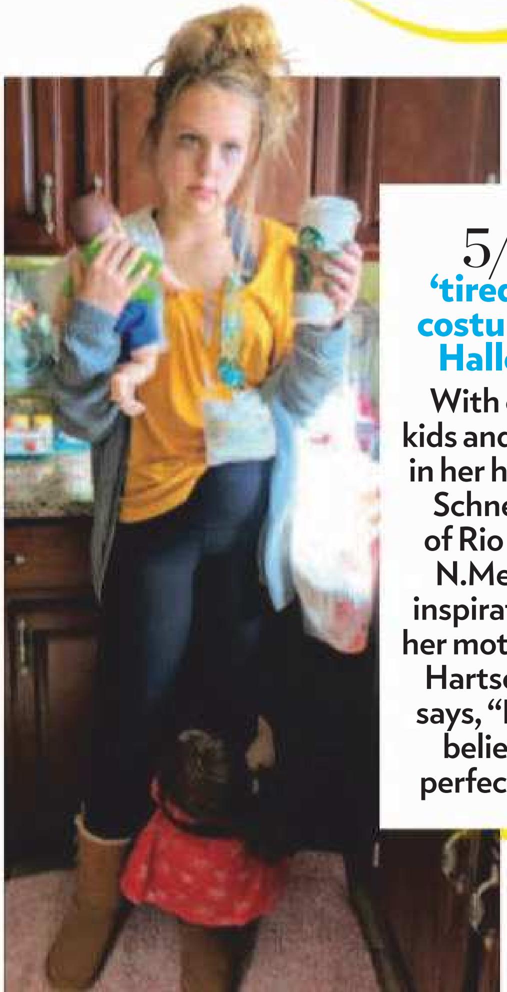
3/ Tyler Perry plans to kill off Madea

After 20 years, Perry, 49, announced that his grandma alter ego will die in 2019 because "I just don't want to be her age, playing her."



4/ Mr. Feeny stopped a burglary

William Daniels, now 91, terrified students as a teacher on *Boy Meets World*—and scared off an intruder from his L.A. home on Oct. 27.



5/ This 'tired mom' costume won Halloween

With clinging kids and Cheerios in her hair, Jillian Schnerch, 13, of Rio Rancho, N.Mex., took inspiration from her mother, Linda Hartsock, who says, "I couldn't believe how perfect it was!"

A Chat with . . .

Jamie Chung

The actress, 35, stars in *The Gifted* on Fox

I'm most comfortable when . . . I'm home with my husband [actor Bryan Greenberg] and my dog Ewok, making a meal and catching up on Netflix.

My irrational fear is . . . Cockroaches or any bug with an exoskeleton.

My guilty pleasure is . . . Reality TV, but only in small doses. I'm weaning myself off of it because I really do want to be more productive.

My friends always give me grief about . . . Where we eat. I always want a Cajun boil, and my friends are so sick of it. You literally reek of garlic for the next three days.

My mother taught me . . . To not be wasteful. She never likes to waste anything, like food or even a mason jar. She always finds a use for things.

In my fridge you'll find . . . A wide variety of hot sauce: different kinds of sriracha, habanero. It's pretty bare, but you'll always find a healthy amount of hot sauce.

—MELODY CHIU

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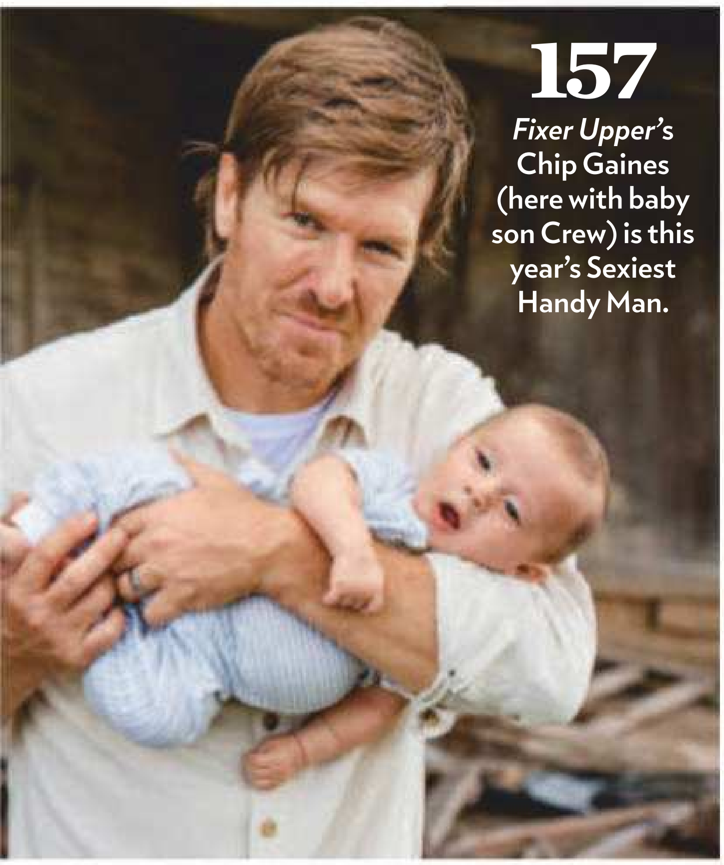

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Shannon Schieber

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In the early morning hours of May 7, 1998, a neighbor of Shannon Schieber's called 911 to say he'd heard screams coming from the 23-year-old's Philadelphia apartment. But when police arrived, all seemed quiet, and the officers left. It would prove to be a tragic mistake. *Terror in Philadelphia,* the *People Magazine Investigates* episode airing Monday, Nov. 12, at 10 p.m. ET on Investigation Discovery, delves into the Schieber case and how the investigation into her death revealed a killer hiding in plain sight.

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CLOCKWISE FROM TOP RIGHT: DAVID BURTON; SWEATER: JOHN SMEDLEY; RAMONA ROSALES; COURTESY SCHIEBER FAMILY; MIKE DAVELLO

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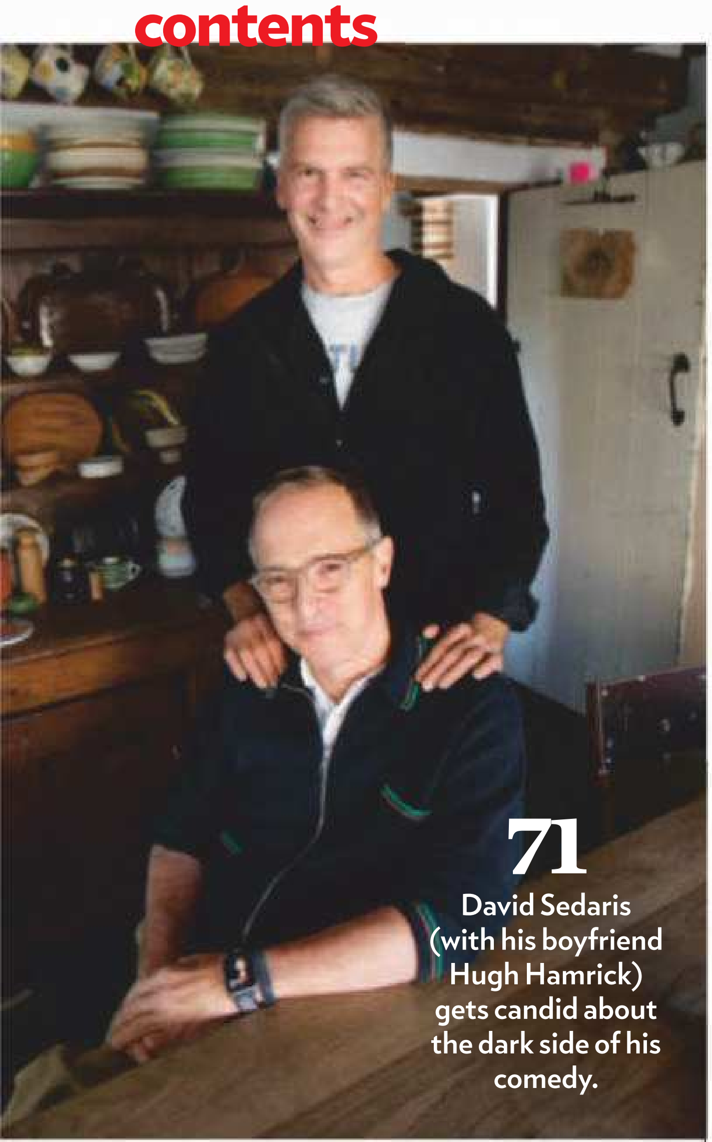

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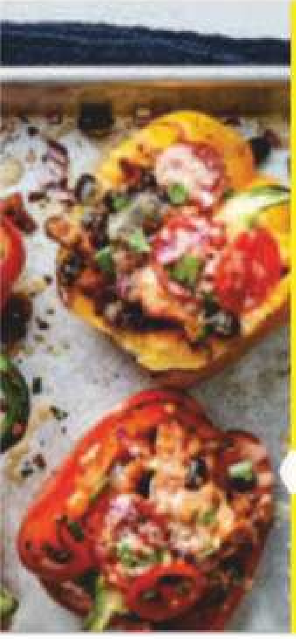

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editor's letter

Congrats, Idris!

Every year when we name the Sexiest Man Alive, some of you will inevitably yell at us, "What were you *thinking*?" Honestly, that's part of the fun (sexy truly is in the eye of the beholder), but this year I believe that we did pick, undoubtedly, the Sexiest Man Alive: Idris Elba. At 6'3" he's as stunning, charismatic and charming in person as he is onscreen. And whether he's playing a magnetic villain on *The Wire* or a tough and tender British detective on *Luther* or a rugged deity in the *Avengers* movies, you can't take your eyes off him. By the way, he's also an international deejay, and he has curated a Spotify list of the sexiest songs of all time for *People*, which you can find at spoti.fi/SMA. Thank you, Idris, for playing along. The crown will look good on you, because everything does.

Jess

JESS CAGLE,
EDITOR IN CHIEF

SEXIEST MAN ALIVE
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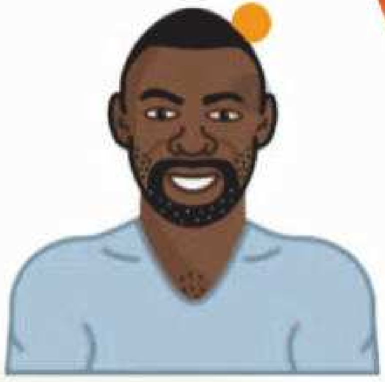
If you want your man to feel like Idris, these T-shirts are available in *People's* just-launched Amazon storefront (where you can also find things like bookazines, DVDs, and the most recent issues) at amazon.com/peoplemagazine.



← To celebrate this year's Sexiest Man Alive, Twitter has created a special emoji of Idris Elba. Tweet with #SexiestManAlive to unlock Idris's emoji doppelgänger!

→ Photographing the Sexiest Man Alive in London on Oct. 12 (left to right): *People's* director of photography Ilana Schweber, photographer David Burton and executive creative director Andrea Dunham.

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TOP GUN RETURNS!

Los Angeles, Nov. 1

Tom Cruise took his *Top Gun: Maverick* costar **Jennifer Connelly** for a ride on the set of the upcoming sequel in which he'll reprise his role as Pete "Maverick" Mitchell from the 1986 classic (inset). Connelly will appear as his love interest (played by Kelly McGillis in the original) when the movie hits theaters in June 2020.

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FRIENDSHIP NEVER ENDS

London, Nov. 2

Former Spice Girls bandmates **Melanie Chisholm** (left) and **Victoria Beckham** reunited at the Global Gift Gala. Three days later the group announced that four original members (sans Beckham) will embark on a reunion tour in 2019.

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BRAD TAKES THE STAGE

Los Angeles, Nov. 4

Brad Pitt introduced *Beautiful Boy* director Felix van Groeninge at the Hollywood Film Awards.

A COUNTRY STAR'S BABY SHOWER

Spring Hill, Tenn., Nov. 4

Jason Aldean and expectant wife **Brittany** celebrated her baby shower at Allenbrooke Farms with their son **Memphis,** 11 months, and his daughters from a previous marriage, **Kendyl,** 11, and **Keeley,** 15. "It was a beautiful day," Brittany says.

SIMONE MAKES HISTORY

Doha, Qatar, Nov. 1

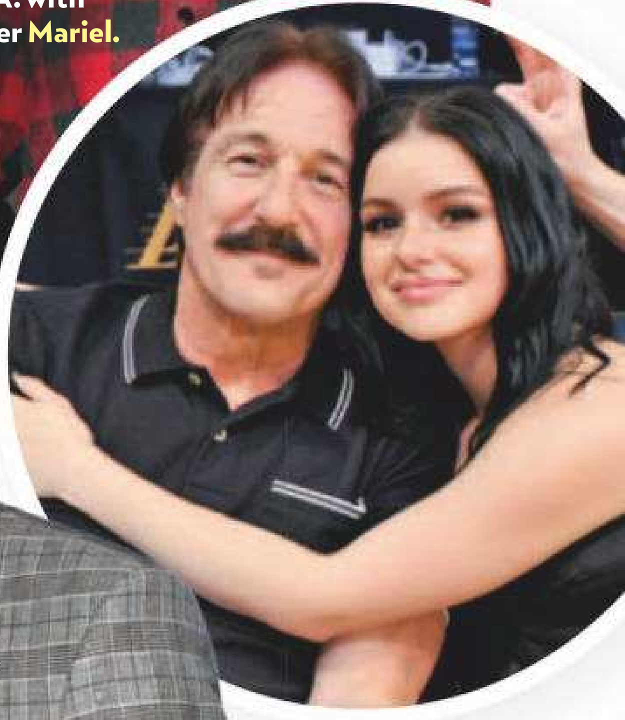
Olympian **Simone Biles** won the Women's Individual All-Around final at the gymnastics World Championships. She became the first gymnast in 31 years to medal at every event.

FAMILY FIRST!

Courteney Cox and daughter **Coco,** 14, attended the Nov. 4 Los Angeles County Walk to Defeat ALS in support of Hollywood publicist Nanci Ryder, who was diagnosed with the disease in 2014.

On Nov. 2 **Zoe Saldana** hit up the Wrap's Power Women Summit in L.A. with her sister **Mariel.**

Bohemian Rhapsody star **Rami Malek** attended the film's New York City premiere Oct. 30 with his sister **Yasmine.**



Modern Family actress **Ariel Winter** sat courtside with her dad, **Glenn Workman,** at a Nov. 4 Lakers game in L.A.

PRIYANKA'S BACHELORETTE BASH!

Amsterdam, Nov. 2-5

Priyanka Chopra celebrated her upcoming marriage to Nick Jonas with an epic bachelorette weekend in the Netherlands. The bride-to-be was joined by (from left) *Game of Thrones* star **Sophie Turner, Dana Supnick-Guidoni, Isha Ambani, Mamta Anand, Parineeti Chopra, Elizabeth Chambers Hammer, Tamanna Dutt, Srishti Behl Arya, Chanchal Dsouza** and **Natasha Pal.**

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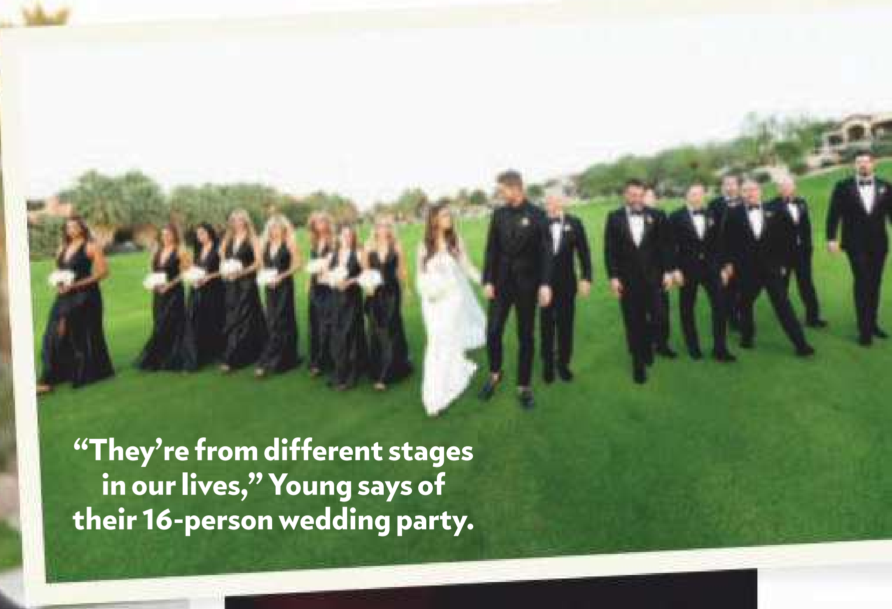
BRETT YOUNG & TAYLOR MILLS

Palm Desert, Calif., Nov. 4

Country singer Brett Young, 37, wed longtime love Taylor Mills, 31, at the Bighorn Golf Club 10 years after they first met. "She has a very pure, kind heart," the "Mercy" singer says of his bride, who wore a custom Justin Alexander Signature gown. After an emotional ceremony, the newlyweds celebrated at a rollicking reception that included performances by Lee Brice and Gavin DeGraw. Says Young: "This is the beginning of our life together!" —**MELODY CHIU & SARAH MICHAUD**



"They're from different stages in our lives," Young says of their 16-person wedding party.

The couple served guests two cakes by Exquisite Desserts: vanilla with banana-cream filling and another with strawberry filling.

"It was very special," Mills says about their big day, which was planned by Elite Events. "He really is my best friend."

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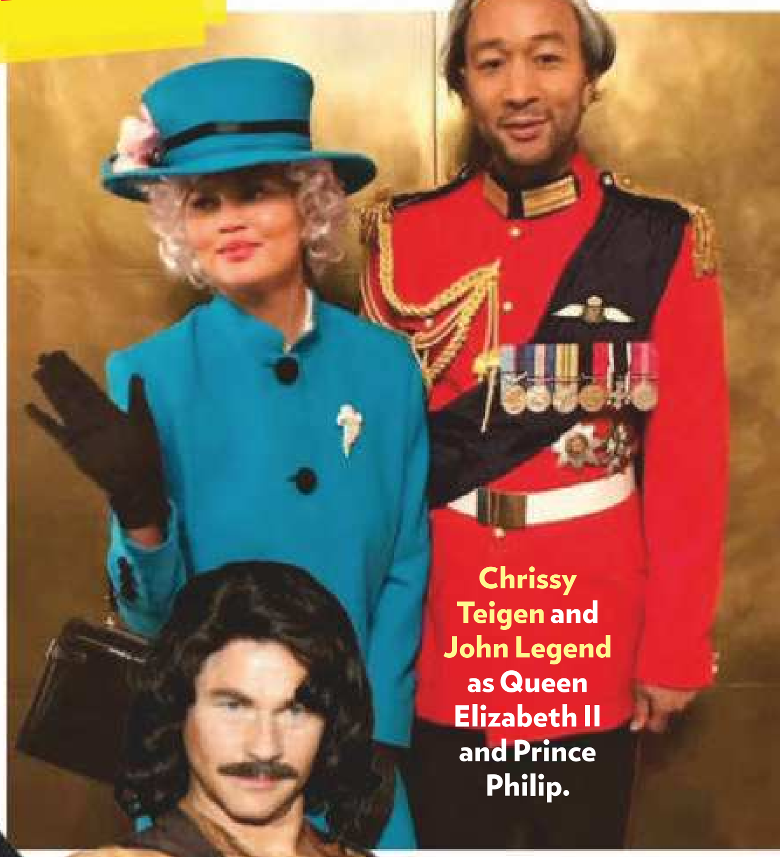
Heidi Klum and boyfriend **Tom Kaulitz** dressed as Fiona and Shrek for her annual Halloween bash, sponsored by Party City.

American Idol judge **Katy Perry** hit the streets of New York City in a sloth costume.



Chrissy Teigen and **John Legend** as Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Philip.

Justin Timberlake documented his family's *Lego Batman Movie*-inspired costumes on Instagram: He dressed as Robin, wife **Jessica Biel** was Harley Quinn, and their 3-year-old son **Silas** went as the Dark Knight.

Neil Patrick Harris (left) and husband **David Burtka** went as Westley and Inigo Montoya from *The Princess Bride* at Klum's party, where guests sipped Svedka cocktails.

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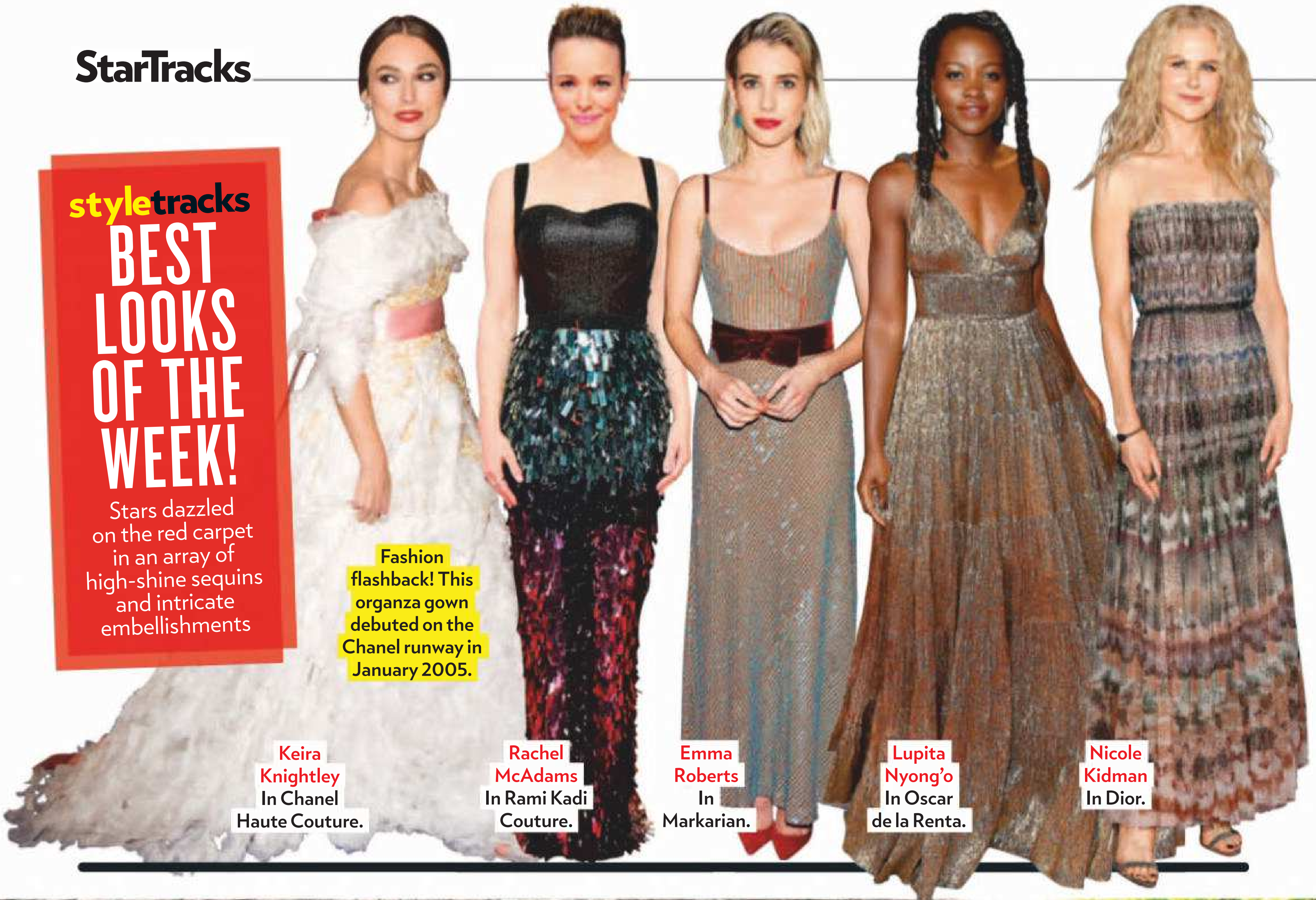


Fashion flashback! This organza gown debuted on the Chanel runway in January 2005.

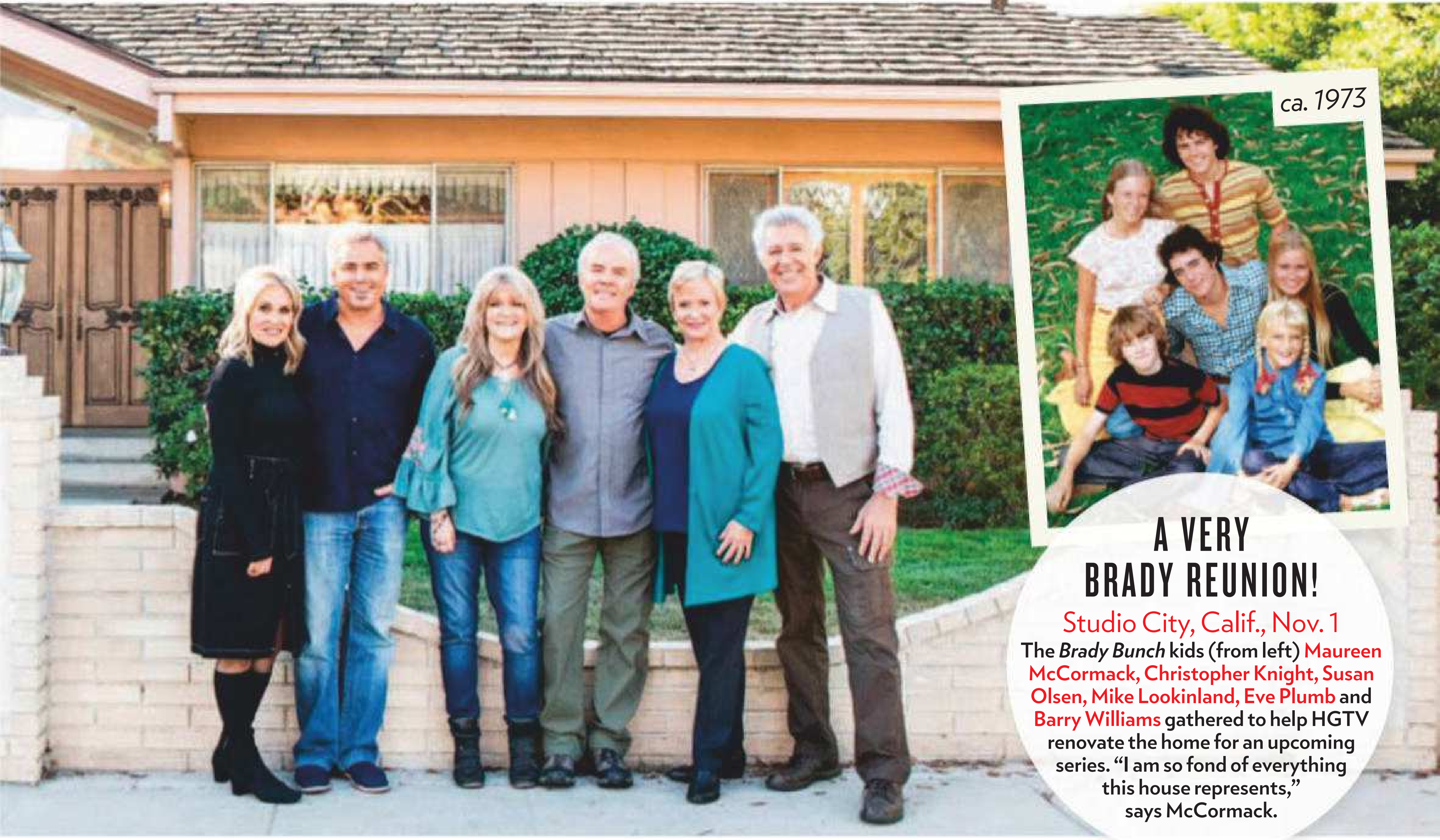
Keira Knightley In Chanel Haute Couture.

Rachel McAdams In Rami Kadi Couture.

Emma Roberts In Markarian.

Lupita Nyong'o In Oscar de la Renta.

Nicole Kidman In Dior.



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A VERY BRADY REUNION!

Studio City, Calif., Nov. 1

The *Brady Bunch* kids (from left) **Maureen McCormack, Christopher Knight, Susan Olsen, Mike Lookinland, Eve Plumb** and **Barry Williams** gathered to help HGTV renovate the home for an upcoming series. "I am so fond of everything this house represents," says McCormack.

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Holiday Plans Meghan (with Harry on Oct. 30) will spend Christmas with the royals at Sandringham—where her mom, Doria Ragland, has reportedly been invited to join them by the Queen.

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Royal Update

Meghan's Next Moves

With a successful first royal tour under her belt—and the seventh heir to the throne on board—Meghan Markle has solidified her role within the royal family in a matter of months. As she sails through her second trimester, the Duchess of Sussex, 37, is making good on her promise to "hit the ground running" in support of women's issues. She gave an unprecedented three speeches during her tour Down Under with Prince Harry, 34, including a powerful talk to celebrate New Zealand's 125th anniversary of women's suffrage, stating that it's a basic human right of all people to "participate in the choices for their future and their community." She's putting her words into action, grabbing a firm hold of the royal reins, starting with the couple's social media footprint. After shutting down her own personal accounts following her engagement to Harry last year, she recently made her official return to social media with a snap of Harry as he rehearsed his speech for the Invictus Games closing ceremony in Sydney Oct. 27, posted on Kensington Palace's official Twitter—which the couple currently share with Prince William and Princess Kate. Harry followed suit with a candid photo he took of Meghan cradling her baby bump underneath the shade of the Redwood trees in New Zealand. It's the latest sign that they are preparing to break from the joint "court" they share with William and Kate at Kensington Palace, by the eventual creation of two separate offices as each couple further defines their public work. (The palace has no comment.) "The arrival of Meghan has changed the dynamic of the relationship in a fairly significant way," says royals author Sally Bedell Smith. "It is inevitable and practical because it gives Harry and Meghan some freedom to build up their own collection of interests and charities. Meghan has very strong views on what she is interested in and that may be what Harry shares, but not what William and Kate share." —**ERIN HILL with additional reporting by Simon Perry**

'MEGHAN HAS VERY STRONG VIEWS ON WHAT SHE IS INTERESTED IN'
—SALLY BEDELL SMITH

Meghan & Harry Go Viral
On a walk in New Zealand Nov. 1, Prince Harry snapped a candid shot (top left) of his expectant wife—and unexpectedly posted it to Instagram.

Ariana and Pete Messy Split, New Breakup Song

Ariana Grande is moving on—with that time-honored pop-star tradition, a breakup song. After a whirlwind engagement and headline-fueling split from *Saturday Night Live* comedian Pete Davidson, the two "have no contact now, and she keeps moving forward," a source says of Grande, 25. On Nov. 3 she released a new single "thank u, next," on which she declares "I'm so f---in' grateful for my ex" while reminiscing about former loves: "Even almost got married, and for Pete I'm so thankful." But earlier that week Grande was singing a different tune when Davidson, 24, joked about striking out with proposals in a *SNL* promo. "For somebody who claims to hate relevancy u sure love clinging to it huh," Grande tweeted Nov. 1. (Two days later on the show, Davidson drew widespread criticism after making a joke about Republican congressional candidate Dan Crenshaw, who lost an eye serving in Afghanistan.) With the relationship behind her, Grande is preparing another album. Adds the source: "She isn't talking about dating. She seems very happy and positive." —**PERNILLA CEDENHEIM**

"I genuinely wish her all the happiness in the world," Davidson said of Grande (in August) on *SNL* Nov. 3.

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NEW COUPLE

Jenna Dewan & Steve Kazee

The actress, 37, and the Broadway star, 43, were spotted snuggling in Palm Springs, Calif. They've "been dating for months out of the spotlight, and it's becoming more serious," says a source. Dewan and Channing Tatum, 38, announced their split in April after nearly nine years of marriage; they share daughter Everly, 5. Tatum is dating singer Jessie J.

MARRIED

Bob Saget & Kelly Rizzo

After popping the question last November, the *Full House* star, 62, married TV host Rizzo, 39, on Oct. 28 in Santa Monica. "Their reception turned into a huge dance party," a source says of the fete, where the newlyweds celebrated with pals including John Stamos and John Mayer, who performed.

FRIENDLY EXES

Chris Pratt & Anna Faris

The actor, 39, and actress, 41, reportedly finalized their divorce, but they continue to co-parent peacefully. On Oct. 31 Pratt and Faris—who wed in 2009—took son Jack, 6, trick-or-treating with their new significant others, Katherine Schwarzenegger, 28, and Michael Barrett, 48. "They all get along really well," a source says.

GOING STRONG

Jamie Foxx & Katie Holmes

After Holmes, 39, sparked engagement rumors with a ring (it was just a movie prop!), she and Foxx, 50, enjoyed a romantic dinner Oct. 31 at Restaurant R'evolution in New Orleans, where a source says they "were in a great mood."

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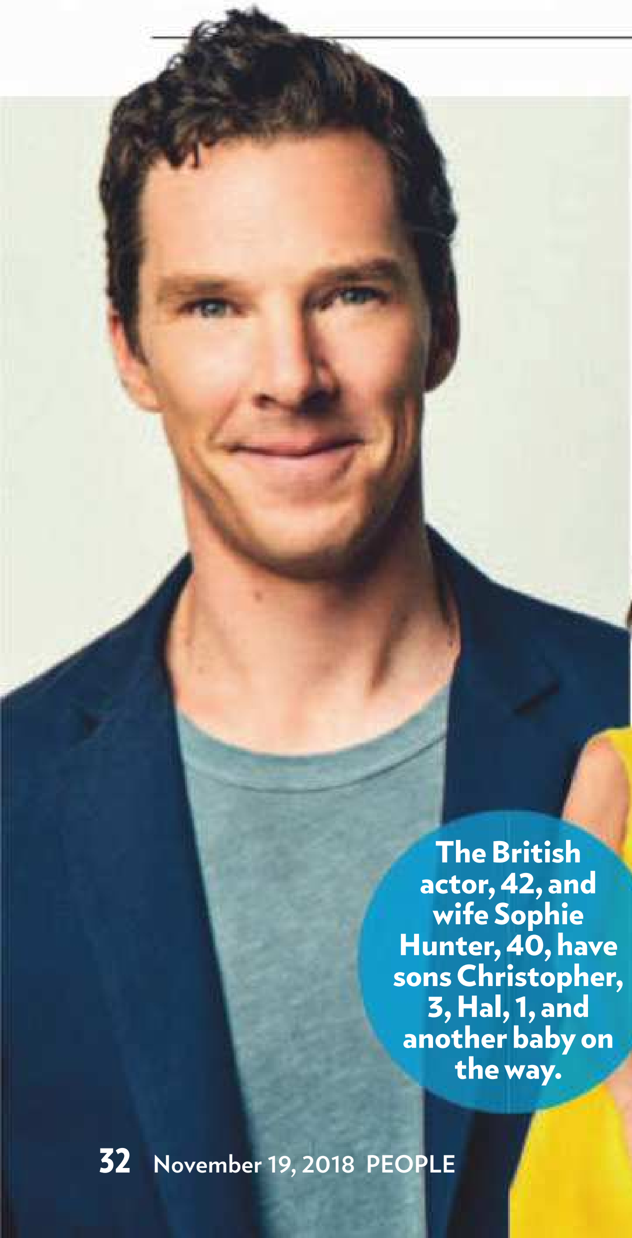
Teresa Giudice: 'We'll Fight' Joe's Deportation

Teresa Giudice is still reeling from the court ruling that her husband, Joe, 48, will be deported to Italy at the end of his 41-month jail sentence for mail, wire and bankruptcy fraud. But *The Real Housewives of New Jersey* star, 46, feels she has no choice but to stay strong. "My four daughters, they're my main priority. So if I crumble up, it's not going to be good for them. I have to keep everything going as normal as possible," says Teresa, who shares Gia, 17, Gabriella, 14, Milania, 12, and Audriana, 9, with Joe. The family is in the process of appealing the judge's Oct. 10 ruling in the hopes that he can return home in March after completing his prison time. "They know we'll fight it. They know Mommy is doing everything she can," Teresa says. "That's it. That's all I can do."

Joe's family immigrated from Italy to America shortly after he was born, and while his parents and siblings obtained U.S. citizenship, he never did. When the couple wed in 1999, "I tried to make him fill out the paperwork," Teresa recalls. "It was never on my radar. It's not like I married an immigrant, and I'm like, 'Oh my God, I have to make him an American citizen.' Never thought of that at all." She adds that Joe is "very upset" about being deported, but they are coping as best they can. "He's a strong guy. We're both there for each other."

—**EMILY STROHM**
with reporting by Charlotte Triggs

Teresa admits Joe's sentence has taken a toll on the family. "Of course I'm very angry," she says. "He's lost three years with his children."



Benedict Cumberbatch My Happy Holidays

The British actor, 42, and wife Sophie Hunter, 40, have sons Christopher, 3, Hal, 1, and another baby on the way.

In the new remake of *The Grinch,* your surly title character is mean because he's lonely. What's the takeaway message here? Some people haven't had a good shot at enjoying Christmas because of their circumstances. It's worth remembering that this time of year to reach out and help those people. The Grinch was an orphan, an outsider who doesn't know what love and joy is. That's what turns him mean. Maybe if we forgive people who are mean, the world would be a better place.

What were your favorite Christmas gifts as a kid? I got a toboggan on a year there was a lot of snow. And Michael Jackson's *Bad* album, along with a Walkman.

What do you want this year? There's a lot of cool survivalist gear. This is boring, but certain socks are nice. And live music is always good. Experiences are great, because you get to share the result.

Who does the holidays better, the U.K. or the U.S.? I don't know! I love New York at Christmas, but I also love London at Christmas. There's always an otherness to a place where you don't live that's kind of alluring. And you guys go really hard at Thanksgiving. —**GILLIAN TELLING**

***The Grinch* (see page 46) is in theaters.**

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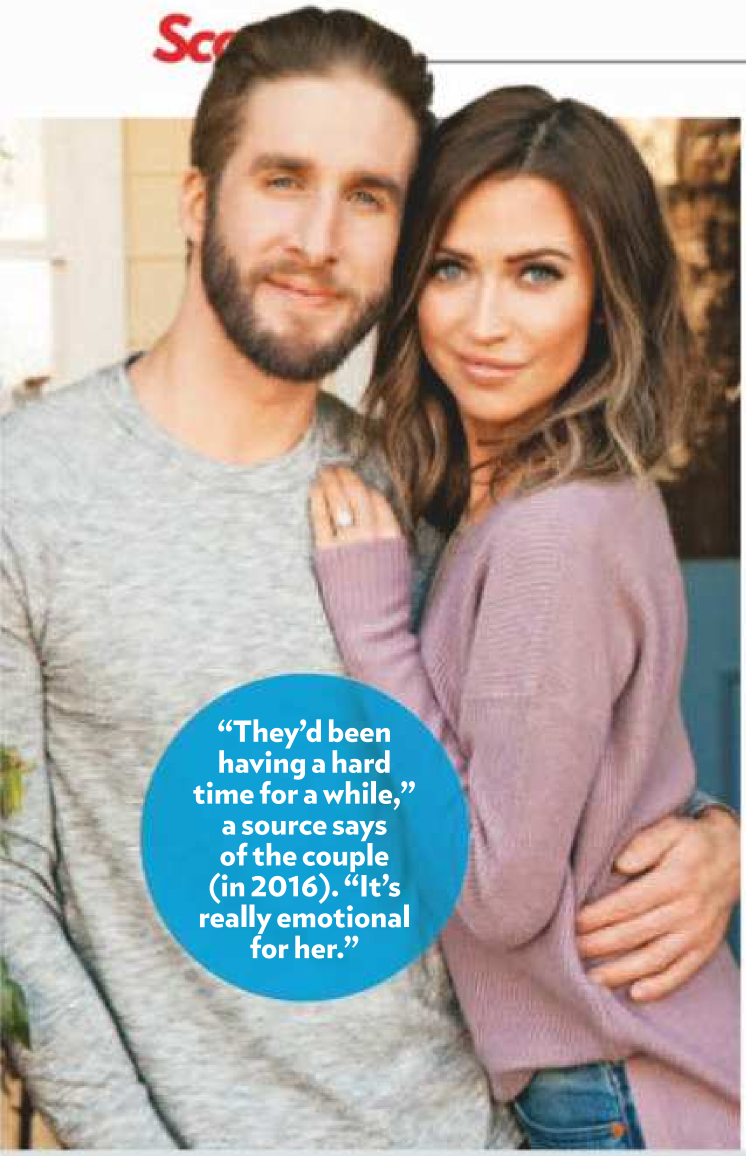


"They'd been having a hard time for a while," a source says of the couple (in 2016). "It's really emotional for her."

Kaitlyn Bristowe & Shawn Booth

Bachelorette Breakup!

Three years after their engagement on *The Bachelorette* in 2015, Kaitlyn Bristowe, 33, and Shawn Booth, 31, are going their separate ways. "This was the last thing Kaitlyn wanted," an insider says of the split, which happened a few weeks ago. "She wanted to fight for the relationship, but ultimately there was nowhere for it to go." The former couple had been living together in Nashville but hadn't yet made any wedding plans, a sticking point for Bristowe, according to the source. "It's only natural to think about the next steps—marriage and kids—when you've been together for three years. Kaitlyn wants those things. But it didn't seem like they were on the same page." The final decision was mutual. "It wasn't one of them who broke things off," says the source, noting that time apart (Booth owns a gym in Nashville; Bristowe often travels for work with her Off the Vine podcast and scrunchie line Dew) also contributed to the split. In the end, Bristowe "really tried to make it work. But you need two people to do that." Now she's focused on work and her budding music career—and trying to get through the heartbreak. "Kaitlyn is devastated," says the source. "She never thought this would happen." —**AILI NAHAS**

WHERE ARE THEY NOW? THE LAST 3 BACHELORETTES AND THEIR PICKS ARE GOING STRONG

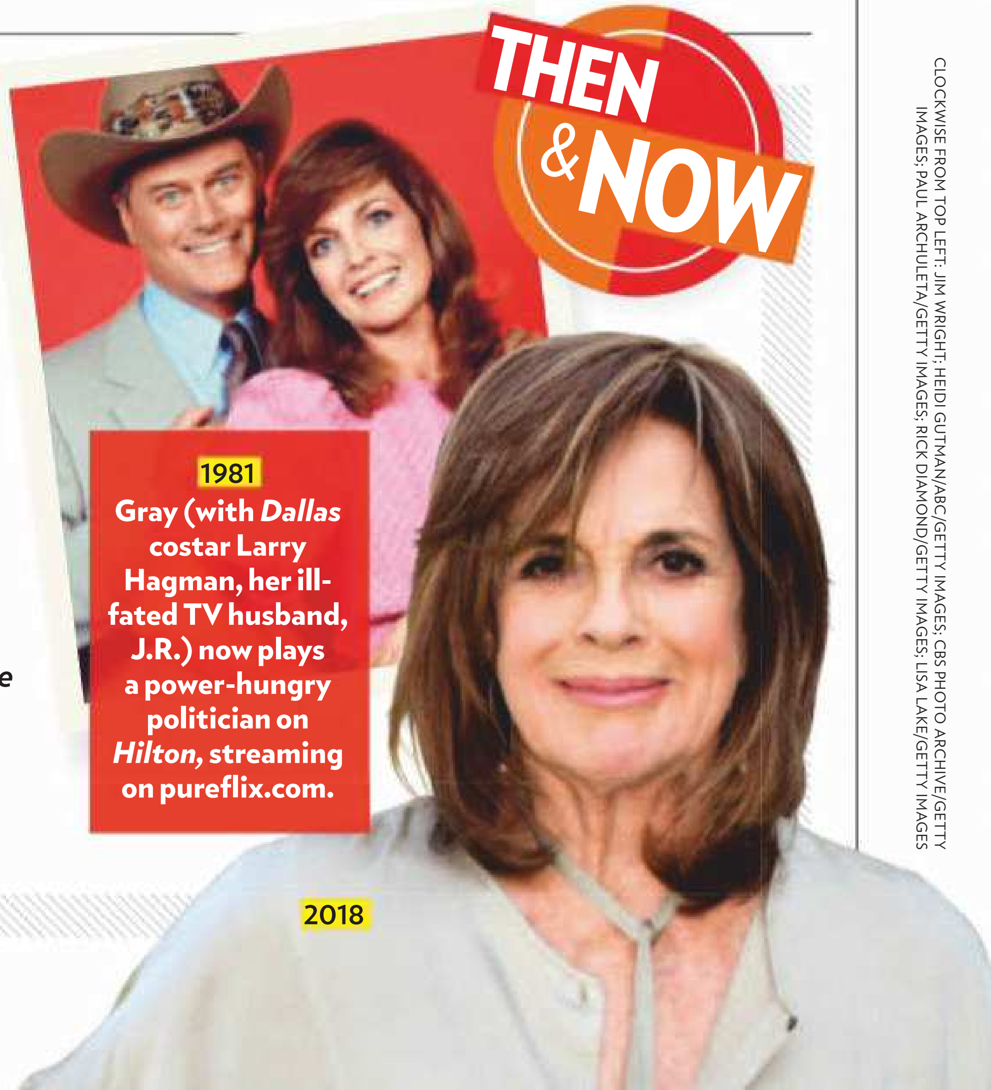
Enaged for two years, JoJo Fletcher, 29, and Jordan Rodgers, 30, cohost a Web series about their relationship.

Rachel Lindsay, 33, and Bryan Abasolo, 38, engaged since 2017, live together in Dallas and hope to wed on TV.

Becca Kufrin, 28, accepted a proposal from Garrett Yrigoyen, 29, in May. Last month the couple drove down the California coast. "They're so happy," says a source.

Linda Gray A *Dallas* Star Returns to Soaps

The sparkling gowns and shocking twists of the iconic 1978-91 soap *Dallas* made Linda Gray, who played wife Sue Ellen Ewing to Larry Hagman's J.R., so famous she could barely go shopping. "My kids wouldn't even go to the market with me," says the Santa Monica native, now 78. "Every five feet people would stop you and go, 'Who shot J.R.?'" Four decades later, after stints on *Melrose Place* and *The Bold and the Beautiful*, the divorced mom of two stars on the new soap *Hilton Head Island*. Her character "is a badass," she says. "She's more J.R. than Sue Ellen. I was totally intrigued." —**DANA ROSE FALCONE**



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Gray (with *Dallas* costar Larry Hagman, her ill-fated TV husband, J.R.) now plays a power-hungry politician on *Hilton*, streaming on pureflix.com.

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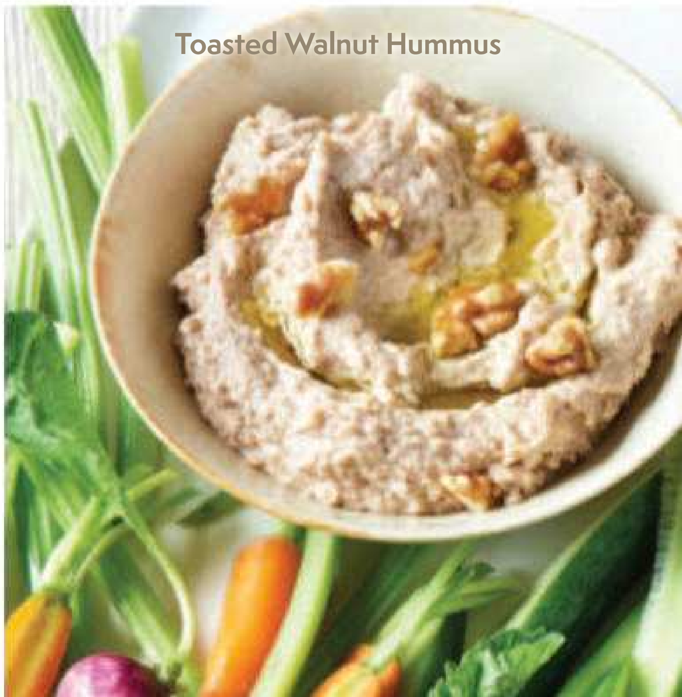
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Mackie and Cher in 1975.

BOB MACKIE

SEQUINS, SPARKLES & ONE GLAM AUCTION!

FROM CHER'S SLINKY STAGEWEAR TO CAROL BURNETT'S WACKY COSTUMES, THE ICONIC DESIGNER IS SELLING HIS ECLECTIC COLLECTION

For more than 50 years Bob Mackie, 79, has dressed Hollywood royalty. Known for his over-the-top designs, he crafted memorable looks for Cher, Diana Ross, Elton John, Tina Turner, Liza Minnelli and many more. And on Nov. 17 fashion followers can add one of his pieces to their own closets when Mackie's collection goes up for sale online and in Beverly Hills via Julien's Auctions. "It's kind of hard to get rid of them," Mackie says of his famous outfits. "It's all full of interesting names and experiences." —**DANA ROSE FALCONE**

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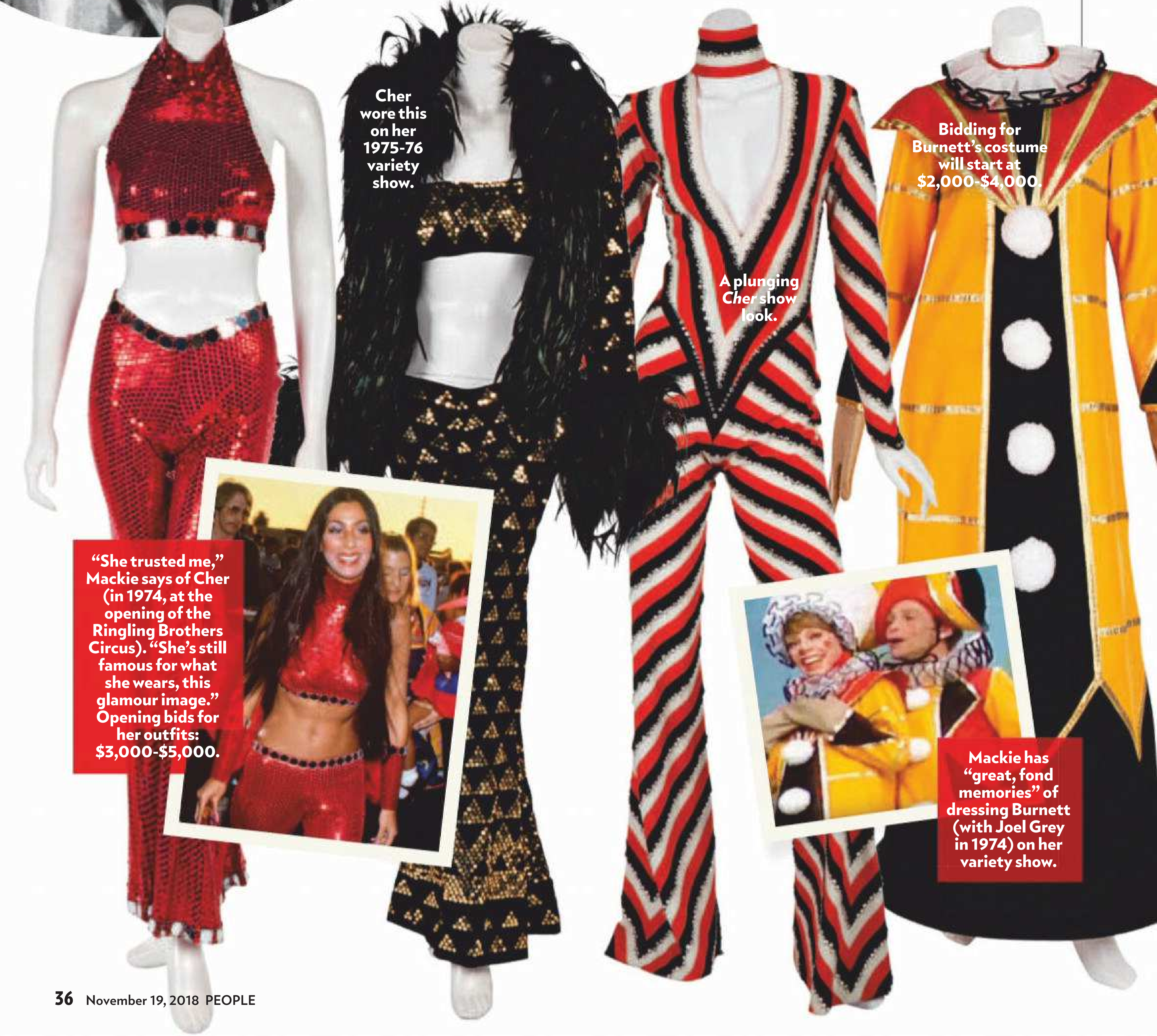


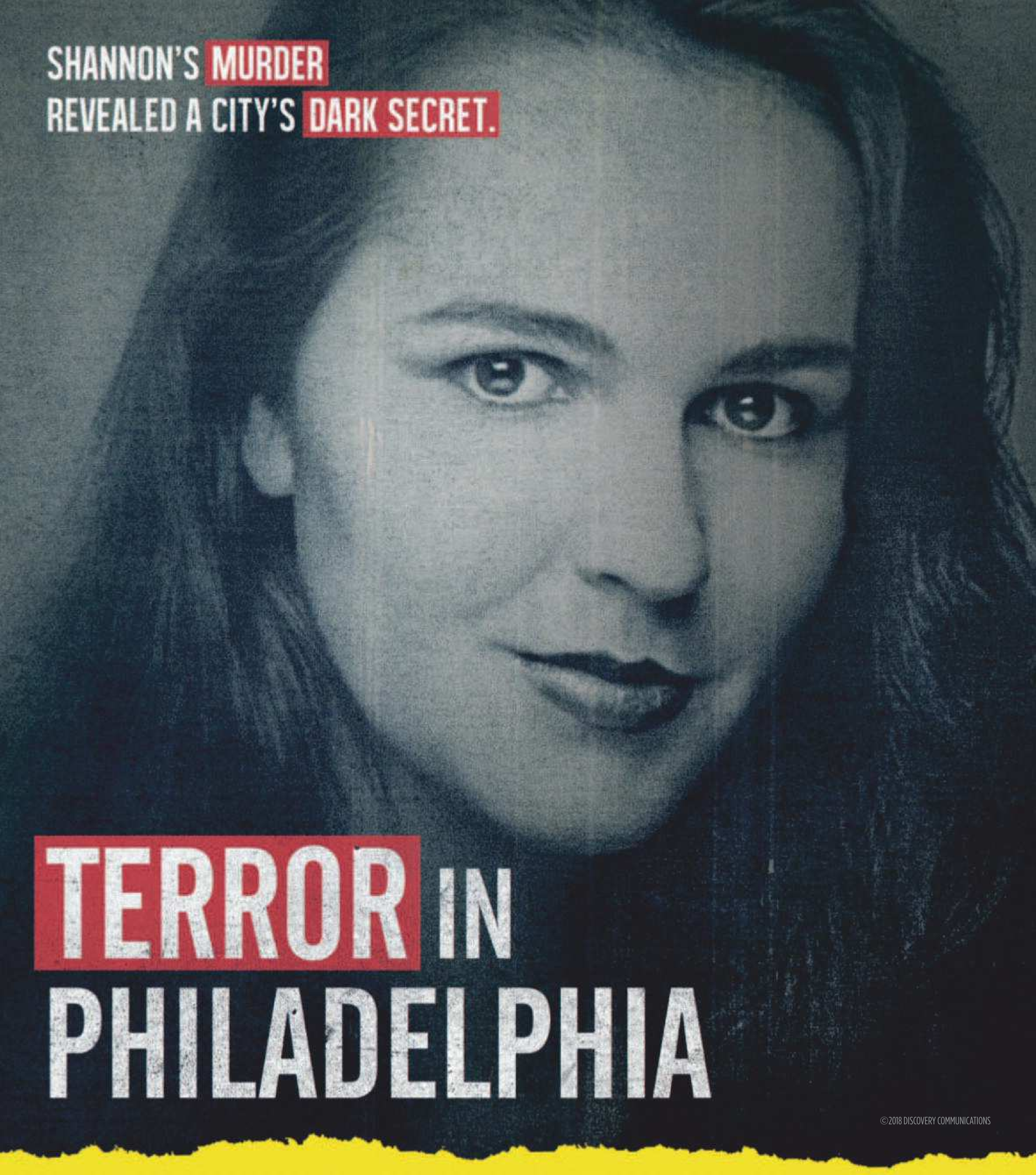
Cher wore this on her 1975-76 variety show.

A plunging *Cher* show look.

Bidding for Burnett's costume will start at $2,000-$4,000.

"She trusted me," Mackie says of Cher (in 1974, at the opening of the Ringling Brothers Circus). "She's still famous for what she wears, this glamour image." Opening bids for her outfits: $3,000-$5,000.

Mackie has "great, fond memories" of dressing Burnett (with Joel Grey in 1974) on her variety show.



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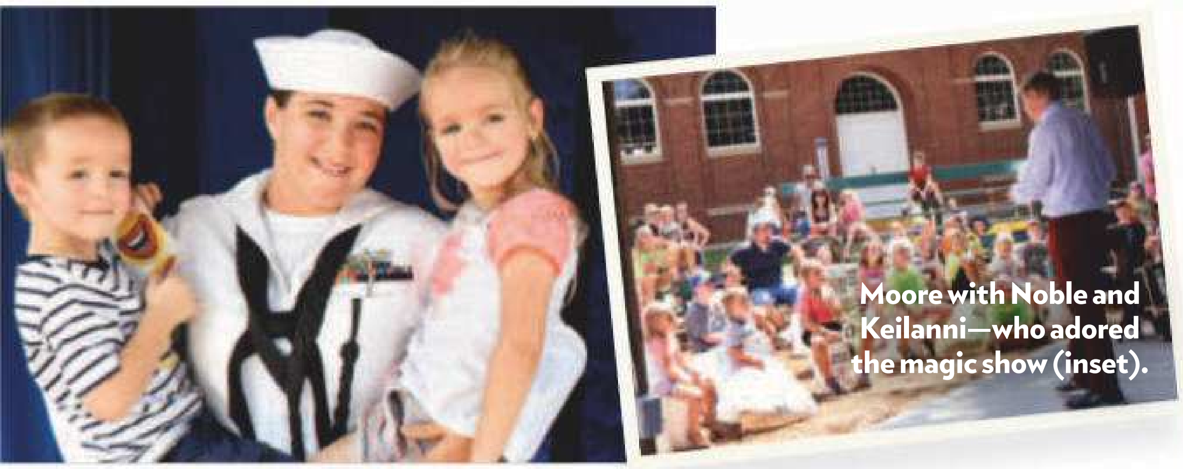
Dippel captured the moment from afar when Vo proposed to Ngo (inset).

A photographer captures a stunning cliff-top proposal—then moves mountains to find the happy couple

YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK, CALIF.

Hiking through California's Yosemite National Park Oct. 6, photographer Matthew Dippel couldn't believe his luck when he looked up just in time to snap a stunning photo of a man proposing to his girlfriend on a scenic overlook. After three weeks of searching—and thousands of retweets—Dippel finally tracked down the couple in the shot: Melissa Ngo, 31, and her fiancé, Charlie Vo, 34, from Alhambra, Calif. "I started jumping up and down in my basement!" says Dippel, 24. "I was so happy." So were Vo and Ngo. "It was the perfect moment," says Ngo. "We were in awe that he was able to capture our proposal—and so appreciative he went through all that trouble to find us!"



Moore with Noble and Keilanni—who adored the magic show (inset).

A Navy mom surprises her two young children with a magical homecoming

SEDALIA, MO.

After being deployed for nearly a year in San Diego, U.S. Navy mom Nicole Moore wanted to surprise her two kids back home in Missouri—Keilanni, 6, and Noble, 4—with a reunion they'd never forget. She arranged for the children to attend the recent Missouri State Fair with their father for Military Appreciation Day and enlisted the help of Randy Kalin, a magician, to put her in his act. Kalin set up a trick where, when the time came, Moore, 29, magically popped out of a big box—much to her kids' amazement. "They ran up to me and told me how much they missed and loved me," says Moore. "Everything I do is for them, so I wanted to do something memorable."

By Char Adams and Caitlin Keating

A cat on the catwalk!

ISTANBUL

Haute couture heads definitely turned last week when a playful, gray-and-white cat suddenly sauntered onto the catwalk at the Vakko ESMOD International fashion show in Istanbul. In a viral video, posted on Instagram, the feline fashionista lazily rolls around, licks itself and occasionally swipes a paw at the models as they sashay by. "Everybody was in shock," fashion designer Göksen Hakkı Ali, whose clothes were being shown, said in an interview. Show organizers believe the cat wandered in from outdoors—Istanbul is known for its stray cats—but it seemed right at home on the runway. "Why not?" said Hakkı Ali, laughing.

A fearless feline owned the catwalk at a recent fashion show in Turkey.

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Kenya Moore and Marc Daly

Babies

The Real Housewives of Atlanta alum **Kenya Moore,** 47, gave birth to her first child, daughter **Brooklyn Doris Daly,** with her husband, **Marc Daly,** 48, on Nov. 4. ● *The Walking Dead's* **Norman Reedus,** 49, and his girlfriend, actress **Diane Kruger,** 42, welcomed their first child together. Reedus is also dad to 19-year-old son **Mingus Lucien** from a previous relationship. ● *No Country for Old Men's* **Josh Brolin,** 50, and entrepreneur **Kathryn Boyd,** 31, welcomed their first child together, daughter **Westlyn Reign Brolin,** on Nov. 4. ● Country star **Chris Stapleton,** 40, and his wife, **Morgane,** 31, are expecting their fifth child. They welcomed twin boys in April. ● *Empire's* **Kaitlin Doubleday,** 34, is expecting her first child, a boy, with her husband, **Devin Lucien**.

Crime

Actor **Alec Baldwin,** 60, was arrested and charged with harassment and assault on Nov. 2 for allegedly punching a man in New York City.

Health

Former *Good Day L.A.* cohost **Jillian Barberie,** 52, revealed that she has been diagnosed with breast cancer and will undergo a double mastectomy.

Wedding News

Jersey Shore's **Mike "The Situation" Sorrentino,** 37, married his longtime girlfriend **Lauren Pesce,** 33, on Nov. 1 at the Legacy Castle in Pompton Plains, N.J. ● *Jill & Jessa Counting On's* **John-David Duggar,** 28, married **Abbie Burnett,** 26, on Nov. 3. ● *Boy Meets World's* **Danielle Fishel,** 37, and *Drop the Mic* producer **Jensen Karp,** 38, tied the knot on Nov. 4.

Jensen Karp and Danielle Fishel

Happy Birthday!

Shailene Woodley, 27
Nov. 15, 1991

Rachel McAdams, 40
Nov. 17, 1978

Meg Ryan, 57
Nov. 19, 1961

Deaths

The Voice season 1 competitor **Beverly McClellan,** 49 died of cancer on Oct. 30. ● Notorious Boston mobster **James "Whitey" Bulger,** 89, who was serving two life sentences, was found dead in his West Virginia prison cell on Oct. 30. His death is being investigated as a homicide.

By Madison Roberts

Russell at the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge in Alaska in 2015.

Keri Russell

The actress and environmentalist, 42, shares her love of nature

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In 2015 I had this incredible opportunity to take a trip to the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge in Alaska with the Sierra Club. It was one of the favorite experiences of my life. I grew up in Fountain Valley, Calif., always having mountains around, and the outdoors was very much a part of my childhood. Now I try to incorporate nature into my kids' lives. Even though we live in Brooklyn, I make them get on their bikes first thing in the morning on the waterfront. Sierra Club is a 126-year-old organization that helps others explore, enjoy and protect the environment. Right now their priorities are fighting climate change and protecting clean air, water and lands. As a Sierra Club ambassador, I speak out for environmental issues in the media, host events and volunteer wherever possible. Once members join their Sierra Club chapter, they can find local programs to participate in. People need to understand that there's a connection with our world that we live in and the quality of our life.

—REPORTED BY ALEXIA FERNANDEZ

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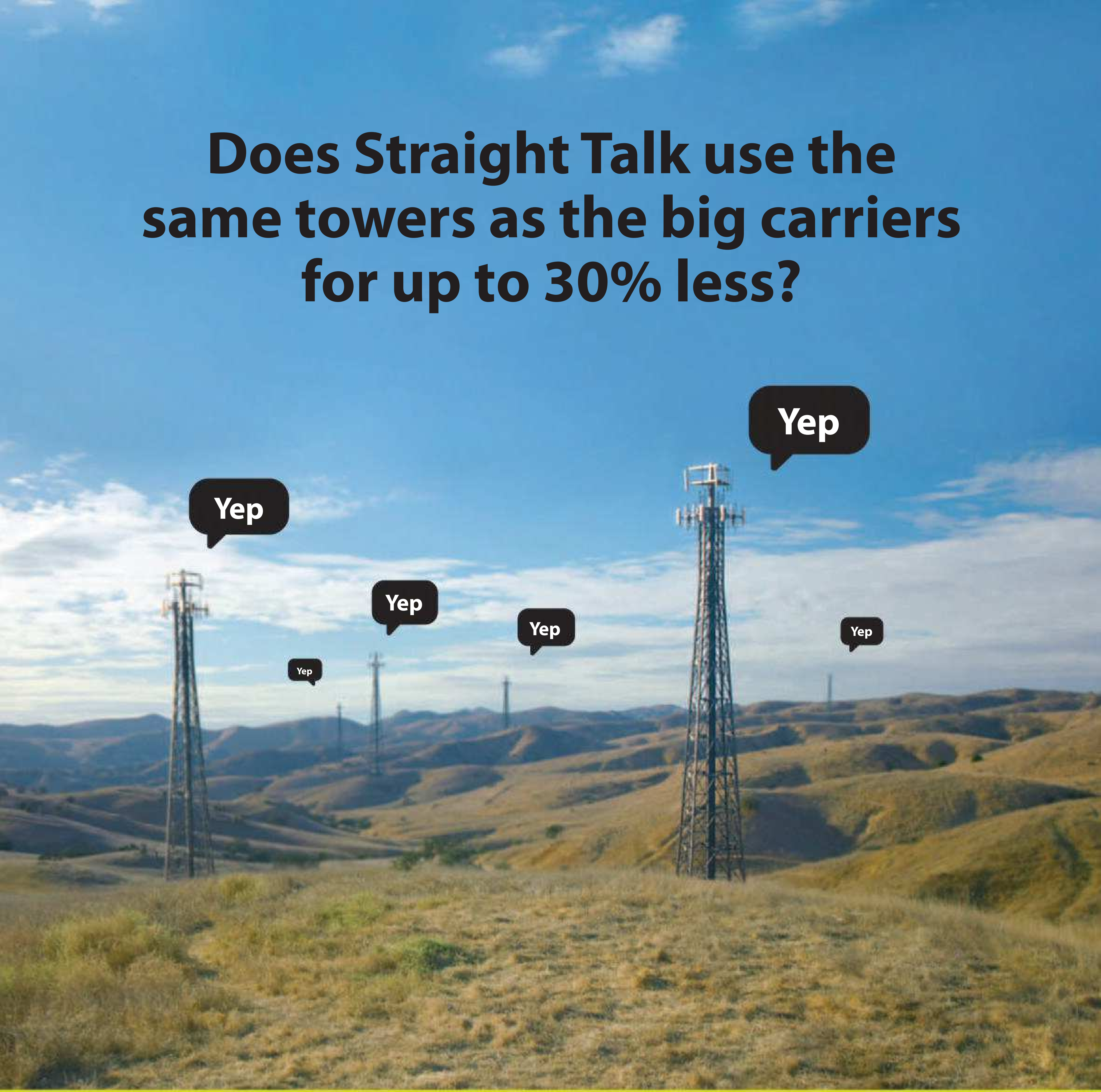

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How to get away with robbery: Davis shines in a gritty Chicago crime drama.

The *Widows* gang (from left): Davis, Erivo, Rodriguez and Debicki.

MOVIE | Widows

Viola Davis leads an all-star cast in a thriller that puts women in charge

DRAMA Veronica Rawlins is a woman on the edge. Played by Oscar winner Davis, she's a tightly wound coil, with a cuddly Westie in her tailored lap and a sleek apartment on Chicago's Lake Shore Drive underwritten by her shady husband, Harry (Liam Neeson). When Harry and his crew are killed in a robbery, Veronica and the other crooks' widows are left on the hook to a ruthless politico (Brian Tyree Henry) and his psychotic brother (Daniel Kaluuya). Under Veronica's icy tutelage, the women—a tour-de-force trio of Elizabeth Debicki, Michelle Rodriguez and Cynthia Erivo—plot their own risky heist to get whole. But to pull it off they need to outfox a dirty alderman (Colin Farrell) and his fixer father (Robert Duvall). Directed by Steve McQueen (*12 Years a Slave*), *Widows* is packed with big twists and bigger talent (Jacki Weaver and Carrie Coon pop up to steal scenes) and owes far more to edgier male-driven crime films than the bubbly *Ocean's 8*. Its heroines, who cope with childcare woes, feckless men and cop shootings, are as hard-bitten as the South Side streets, while the script (by McQueen and *Gone Girl* author Gillian Flynn) is a spelunking trip into a Windy City underworld clotted with crime and corruption. *(Nov. 16, R)*

> **'It's packed with big twists and bigger talent'**

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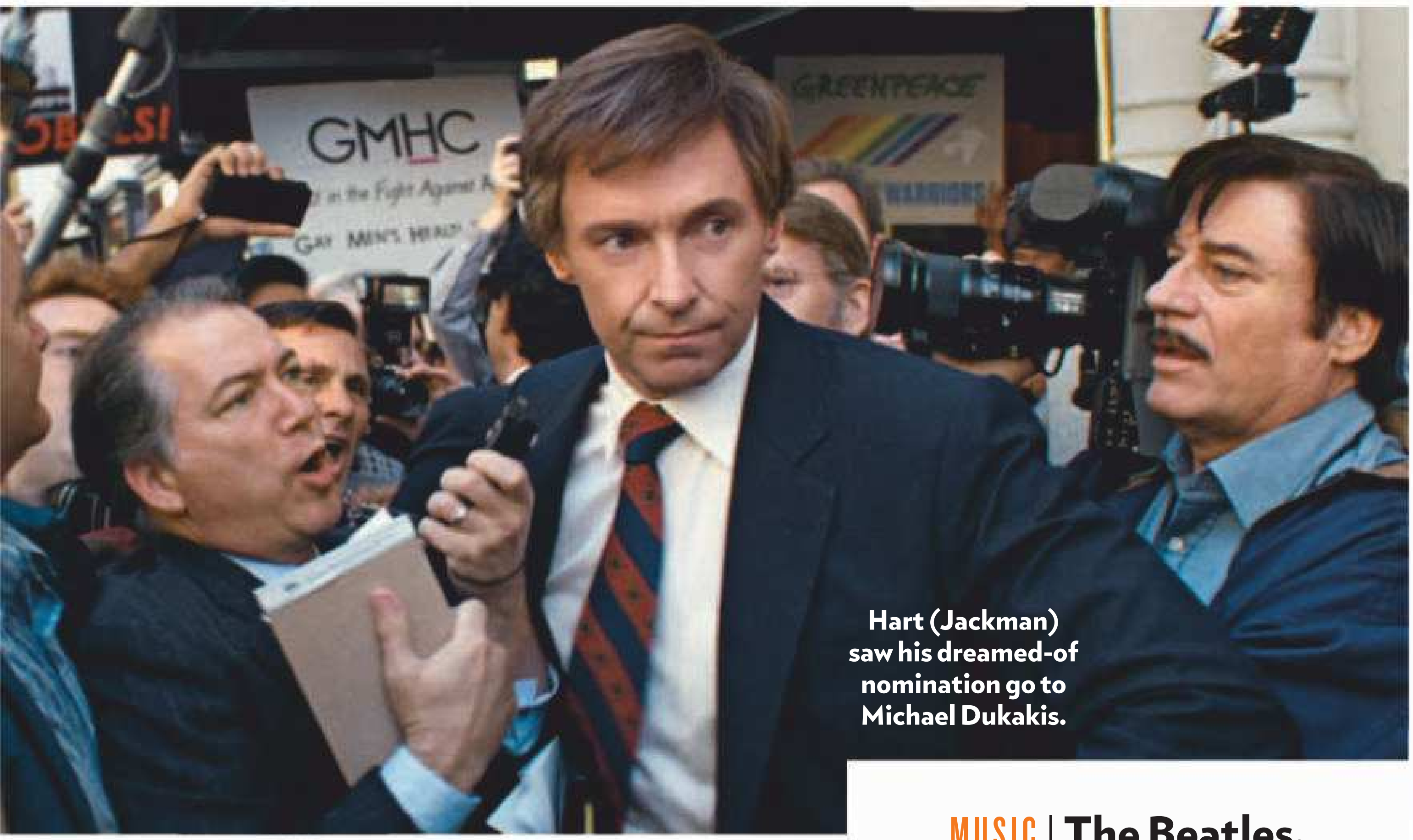
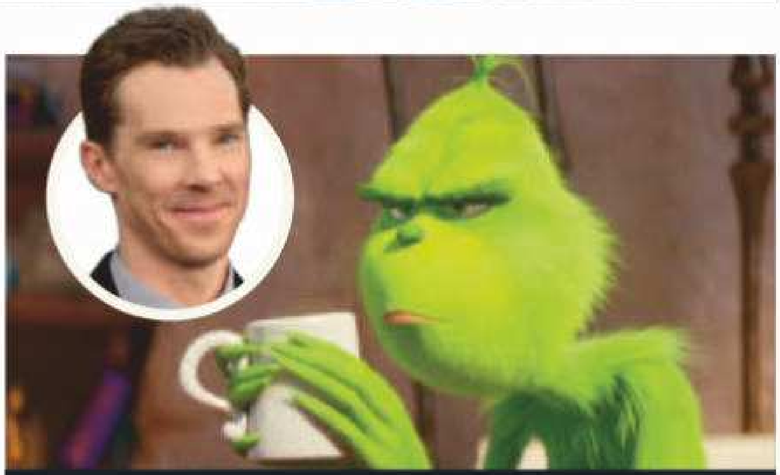
MOVIE | The Front Runner

Hugh Jackman plays Gary Hart, a charismatic candidate who stumbled

DRAMA After a few weeks of escalating panic and scandal in 1987, Sen. Gary Hart (Jackman) threw away his chances of ever becoming the Democratic presidential nominee. He quit the race after the media published reports about his adulterous fling with Donna Rice (there were other revelations in the offing). This lively movie is pretty much in the tank for Hart: He's a man of decency, principle and foresight—he'd have beaten Bill Clinton to building that bridge to the 21st century—chased into oblivion by grubby reporters. Well, it's an argument, even if at times *Runner* is like an obelisk of superior cheddar being swarmed by rats. Jackman doesn't much resemble Hart, a handsome, flinty son of the Midwest, but he's excellent. *(In limited release, R)*



Hart (Jackman) saw his dreamed-of nomination go to Michael Dukakis.



MOVIE | The Grinch

ANIMATED As the Grinch, Benedict Cumberbatch pinches his deep, sonorous voice—isn't it *just* like November wind passing through a grove of shivering birches?—into a whine that will remind you of *The Office*'s Rainn Wilson. What's the use, Dr. Seuss? But this reboot of the family classic is very nice. The song "Welcome Christmas" is still consoling and, like many such jingles, sad as unkindled coal. *(Nov. 9, PG)*

MUSIC | The Beatles, *White Album*

ROCK The groundbreaking double album receives a lavish treatment for this 50th-anniversary reissue. It gleams like never before, courtesy of the sound remix, and comes with stellar extras: studio outtakes, including a seething 13-minute "Helter Skelter" and long-coveted demos on which John, Paul and George (but no Ringo) workshop classic tunes acoustically. *(Nov. 9)*

Q&A

Chicago P.D.'s Marina Squerciati

The NBC star and first-time mom, 36, finds balance thanks to her extended TV family

How has life changed now that you have an 18-month-old daughter?
I have a lot of help. *Chicago Med*'s Norma Kuhling, Torrey DeVitto and Nick Gehlfuss live in my building, and I have not been ashamed to ask them to babysit. It's almost like living in a nice *Melrose Place*.

Squerciati with Jason Beghe on *P.D.*

Who's your acting role model?
I grew up watching Christine Baranski. She bridges the gap between theater and on-camera really well.

Will you get a new love interest on *P.D.*?
I've been pitching Connor [Colin Donnell] from *Chicago Med*, but no one's listening to me!

—BREANNE L. HELDMAN

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TV | Busy Tonight

Busy Philipps isn't slowing down—why should you?

TALK A talented comic actress and major Instagram celebrity, Philipps is now hosting her own half-hour talk show. She comes across as someone who approaches the world with complete, direct sincerity—a tweet from Henry Winkler is enough to make her tear up—then parses it all into cheerfully absurd observations and thoughts. What other talk show host would ask Megan Mullally if she ever had sex with a ghost? Or claim to have an infallible memory for all the babies she's met? "I'm the Marilu Henner of babies' faces!" *(E!, Sundays-Wednesdays, 10 p.m.)*

Philipps (left) with Vanessa Hudgens.

MUSIC | Barbra Streisand, *Walls*

POP Streisand has taken her displeasure with Donald Trump and turned it into an angry, imploring album that touches on immigration, intolerance and, of course, Trump. "Don't Lie to Me" is the rare political jeremiad that also sounds like a breakup song you can dance to. And she revisits her early hit "Happy Days Are Here Again." This version is drizzled with tears and ends in a sigh. *(Available now)*

Barbra Streisand
Walls

MOVIE | The Girl in the Spider's Web

DRAMA Claire Foy (*The Crown*) downplays the spiky, fetishistic ghoulishness of previous Lisbeth Salanders. Her version of the Swedish hacker-vigilante looks like a chic, boyish cross between Joan of Arc and a barista. The story, once you get past the chases, disfigurements and deaths, is really just the latest opportunity for Foy to win us over with her vulnerability and resolve. *(Nov. 9, R)*

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Q&A

The Haunting of Hill House's Kate Siegel

The actress, 36, plays a psychic with a spooky past in the hit Netflix horror drama.

Is the show scary for someone who's in it?
There's a jump scare in episode 8 that till this day scares me every single time—it scared us all when we were shooting.

Siegel as a woman scarred by her ghostly childhood.

In that case, why would playing in horror appeal to an actor?
It's fun—having to make believe that you're being confronted by a ghost, screaming and crying.

So you've never had a genuine paranormal encounter?
This is the question of *Hill House*—what *is* a ghost? A memory, a wish. I would say we're all haunted. But I haven't seen a ghost, and I really want to. So if you know any, send them my way.

—**CHRISTINA DUGAN**

MOVIE | Here and Now

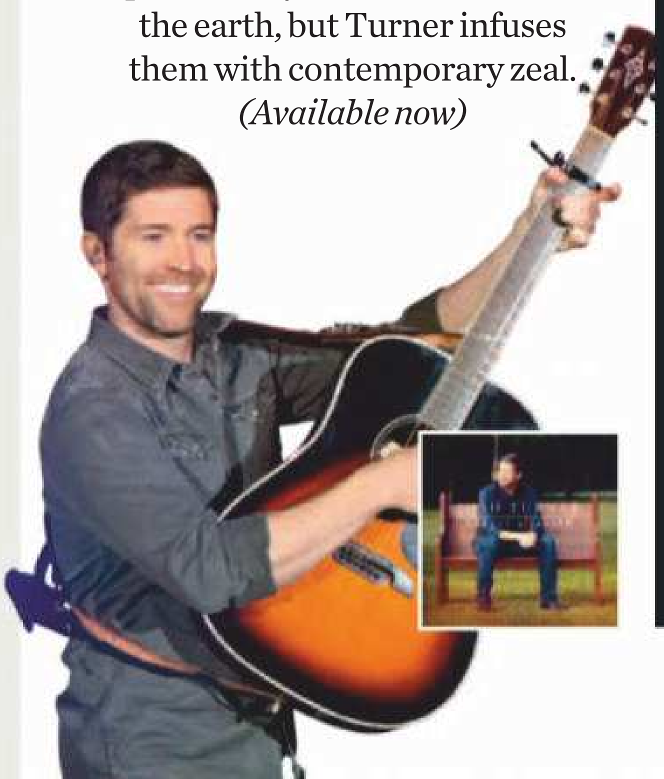
Sarah Jessica Parker plays a singer facing eternal silence

DRAMA Vivienne Carala (Parker), a Manhattan singer with a minor career performing in the kind of clubs usually described as "intimate," has just had the wind knocked out of her: She's been diagnosed with what's very likely an aggressive brain tumor. It will have to be biopsied, but . . . Leaving the hospital, Vivienne drifts sadly around the city like someone's forgotten balloon. She occasionally focuses on an upcoming singing engagement. During a publicity interview, she tells a reporter, "I'm grateful to have a life"—pause—"in music." Softened by melancholy, Parker is lovely here. In the best scene, she stands beneath a blue spotlight and sings "Unfollow the Rules," an exquisite new song by Rufus Wainwright. *(In limited release Nov. 9, also available on demand, R)*

Parker with Jacqueline Bisset as her mother.

MUSIC | Josh Turner, *I Serve a Savior*

COUNTRY On his seventh album, Turner performs classic spirituals, including "Amazing Grace," "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot" and "How Great Thou Art." Many of these songs predate anyone who still walks the earth, but Turner infuses them with contemporary zeal. *(Available now)*



NETFLIX | Outlaw King

DRAMA Chris Pine plays Robert the Bruce, who freed Scotland from the English in the early 14th century. If this movie falls a wee bit short of being a rousing historic pageant, there are stirring visual flourishes: A huge fiery ball is catapulted toward a distant fortification and demolishes it—a medieval home run. *(Nov. 9)*

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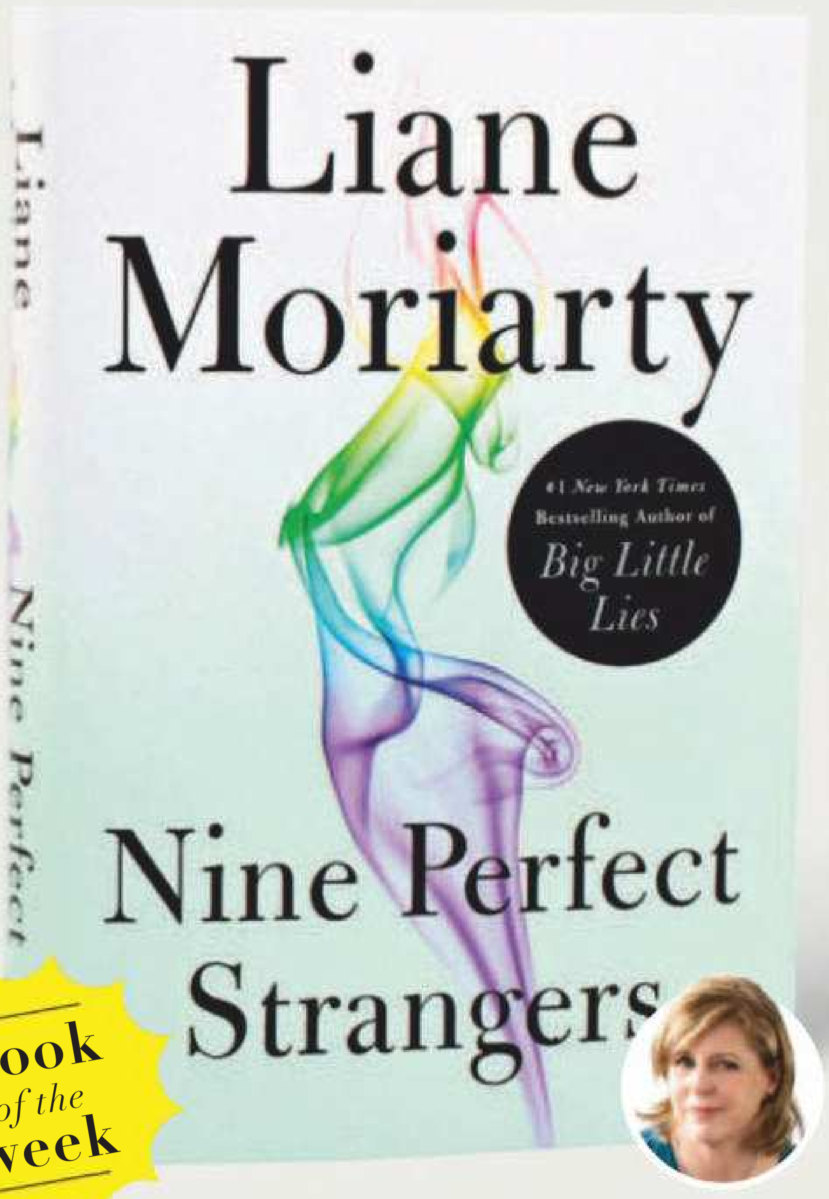
The Best New Books

Another treat from the author of *Big Little Lies,* a literary antihero's tale and a heartrending adoption saga Edited by **Kim Hubbard**



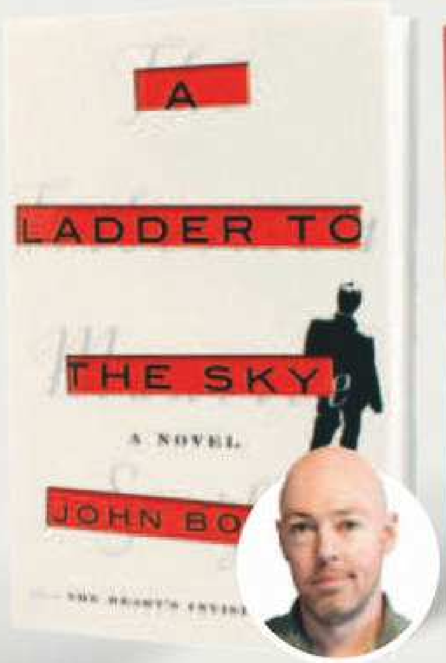
book of the week

Liane Moriarty

Nine Perfect Strangers

NOVEL

Tranquilium House sounds like the stuff of self-care dreams: It's a wellness resort promising life transformation in a lovely, remote setting. In this witty and poignant novel from Moriarty (*Big Little Lies*), people flock there to cure a host of ills—heartache, humiliation, loneliness—and are immediately sucked into the enigmatic owner's orbit. Her services prove the truth behind the axiom "Let the buyer beware." Moriarty's storytelling, on the other hand, is worth every penny.



John Boyne

A Ladder to the Sky

NOVEL

For a novice writer, Maurice Swift knows how to plot a fine scheme. With sociopathic precision he terrorizes authors and lovers—prepared to plagiarize their stories, or even kill, to fuel his career. Boyne (*The Heart's Invisible Furies*) has written a darkly funny novel that races like a beating heart.

Ben Barnz

We

MEMOIR

Shortly after Barnz and his husband, Daniel, adopt a baby girl from her birth mother, the birth father fights to get his child back. But in this tender, deeply compassionate story (with a foreword by *People*'s editor in chief Jess Cagle), there are no villains, just people desperate to do the right thing. A gorgeous love letter to fatherhood and family in all its forms.

The Books Behind the Films

Lee Israel

Can You Ever Forgive Me?

Melissa McCarthy plays tart-tongued biographer-turned-literary-forger Israel in the film based on her 2008 memoir. (She's even crankier in the book.)

David Sheff

Beautiful Boy

&

Nic Sheff

Tweak

The movie *Beautiful Boy* is based on memoirs by a father (David) and son (Nic) about a young man's struggle with meth addiction.

Angie Thomas

The Hate U Give

Thomas's young-adult novel, about a 16-year-old girl whose childhood best friend is shot and killed by police, was a bestseller. Now it's a raw and riveting film starring Amandla Stenberg.

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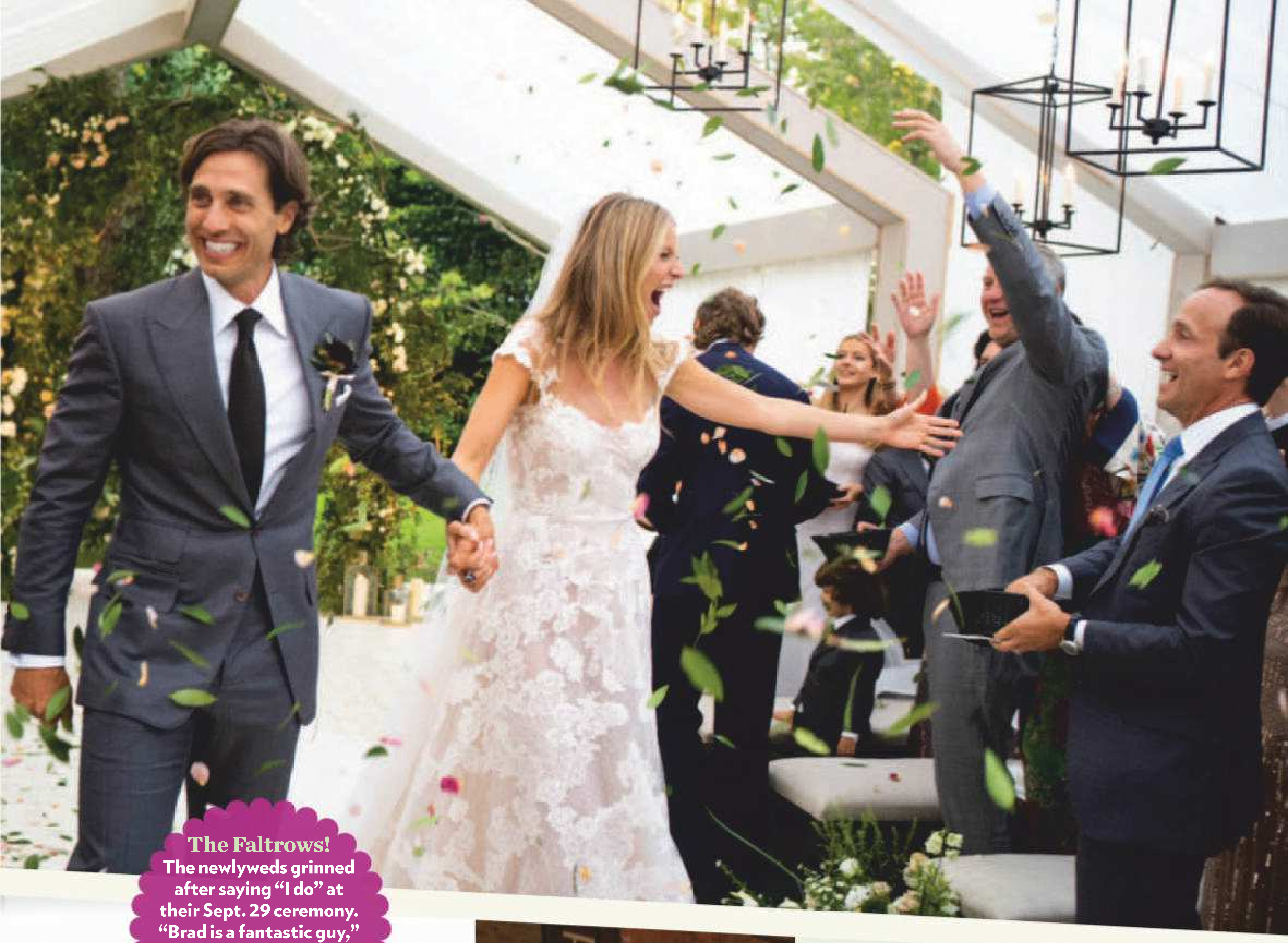
Gwyneth's Newlywed Life!

THE GOOP GURU IS ENJOYING MARRIAGE TO BRAD FALCHUK, LEARNING TO BE A STEPMOM AND ON A MISSION TO REBRAND MENOPAUSE *By* **KARA WARNER**

Gwyneth Paltrow is still feeling that bridal glow. A month after marrying TV producer Brad Falchuk, 47, the actress, 46, gave fans a peek at their elegant Hamptons wedding in a gallery posted on her Goop website. The shared shots showcased the Sept. 29 party in the backyard of Paltrow's Amagansett, N.Y., country house, complete with images of her Valentino wedding gown and a few glimpses of guests such as Cameron Diaz, Robert Downey Jr. and Rob Lowe. But beyond the elegantly art-directed details, what comes across is just how mad the Oscar winner is about her groom. "She is crazy in love with him," says a pal. "They have a very special relationship." Since that happy day the pair, who call themselves the Faltrows, have settled into a cozy life at Paltrow's



The Faltrows!
The newlyweds grinned after saying "I do" at their Sept. 29 ceremony. "Brad is a fantastic guy," says an insider of the TV producer. "You can tell he is crazy about Gwyneth."

L.A. place, devoting themselves to hikes, yoga and carpooling. "They enjoy quiet nights at home with the kids," says an insider. "Gwyneth cooks, and they all catch up over family time." Paltrow is mom to Apple, 14, and Moses, 12, with ex-husband Chris Martin, and Falchuk shares son Brody and daughter Isabella with ex-wife Suzanne Bukinik. "She and Brad embrace all the kids as their own," says the pal. Indeed, in one of her wedding-shot captions, Paltrow called Apple and Isabella her "daughters." Although she relishes being the outspoken CEO of her brand (see sidebar), friends say her driving passion is parenthood: "The kids are very accepting of each other. Gwyneth takes her job as a stepmom very seriously. She loves it." ●

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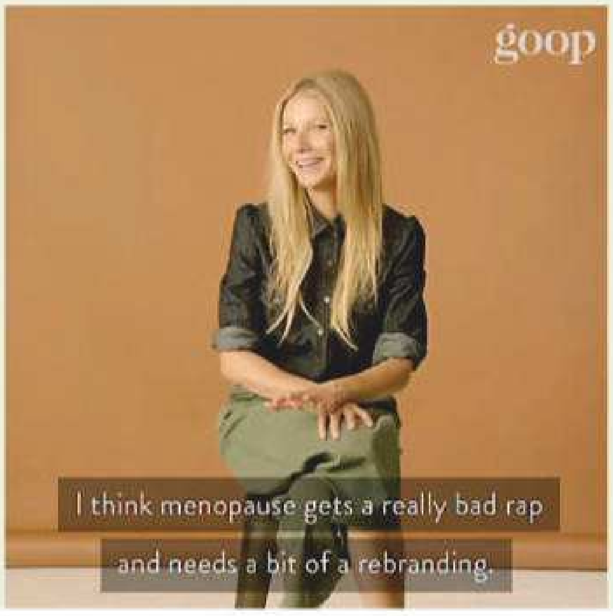
Demi Moore joined Paltrow at Goop's London pop-up launch on Oct. 8.

EMBRACING THE CHANGE OF LIFE

In a Goop video, Paltrow said she's beginning to feel "hormonal shifts happening.... You're just like all of a sudden furious for no reason." The always candid lifestyle mogul, who's celebrating Goop's 10th anniversary, hopes to "rebrand" menopause by talking more about it. "I don't think we have in our society a great example of an aspirational, menopausal woman."



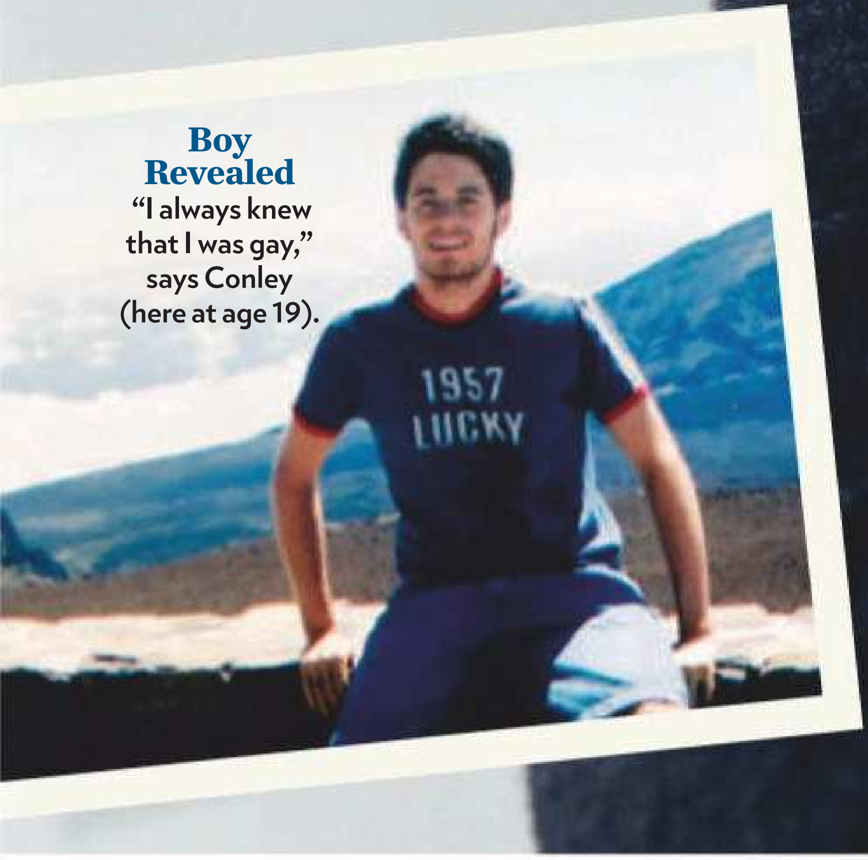
I think menopause gets a really bad rap
and needs a bit of a rebranding.

The Real Story Behind *Boy Erased*

They Tried to Make Me Straight

NOW THE SUBJECT OF A POWERFUL NEW FILM, WRITER GARRARD CONLEY OPENS UP ABOUT HIS HARROWING EXPERIENCE WITH CONVERSION THERAPY

By **JOHNNY DODD, MARY GREEN & CAITLIN KEATING**



Boy Revealed
"I always knew that I was gay," says Conley (here at age 19).

Lucas Hedges as Garrard and Nicole Kidman as his mom in a scene from *Boy Erased.*

It was a family confrontation that Garrard Conley, then 19, had long feared. After years of struggling with his sexuality, he'd just been outed as gay to his conservative Southern Baptist parents. Now Garrard was sitting in their bedroom in Mountain Home, Ark., terrified of answering the question his father, Hershel Conley, a Baptist minister, had just asked him: "Do you swear to God you're not gay?" Garrard hesitated. "No, I can't do that," he stammered. "Because I do have those feelings."

At his parents' insistence Garrard agreed to enroll in conversion therapy at the Memphis-based ministry Love in Action to "cure" him of his homosexuality. His ordeal there is chronicled in the powerful new film *Boy Erased,* based on his 2016 memoir and starring Nicole Kidman, Russell Crowe and Lucas Hedges. "I'd known I was attracted to men since third grade," says Garrard, 33, "and I had so much guilt over those feelings."

An estimated 700,000 Americans have undergone conversion therapy—a controversial practice that's still promoted within certain conservative religious groups. Based on the belief that homosexuality is a mental disorder, conversion-therapy programs employ techniques ranging from psychological therapy to physical punishment. "The idea that homosexuality needs to be cured or fixed in the first place is misrepresentation," says Scott McCoy of the Southern Poverty Law Center. "Every major medical and mental-health organization says that conversion therapy is nonsense and psychologically harmful."

'I'd describe conversion therapy as psychological torture. It was complete snake oil'

—GARRARD CONLEY

Conley and mom Martha in 2017.

Attracted to boys at an early age, Garrard grew up believing something was wrong with him—and tried to control his sexual urges. "I'd been raised in church to believe that life is full of temptation and this was just another thought or feeling that you had to ignore," says Garrard, who had a girlfriend in high school. "No one suspected I was gay." But the facade came crashing down in 2004 during his freshman year at Lyon College, where he says he was raped by another male student. In an attempt to deflect attention from the alleged assault, his attacker called Garrard's parents.

Two months later Garrard found himself in grueling, daylong therapy sessions at Love in Action's strip-mall headquarters, being force-fed warnings that homosexuality leads to loneliness, unhappiness and death. "It was psychological torture," he says. "Each night I'd go back to my hotel room... it felt like complete hopelessness." Nine days into the $1,500-a-week program, Garrard hit

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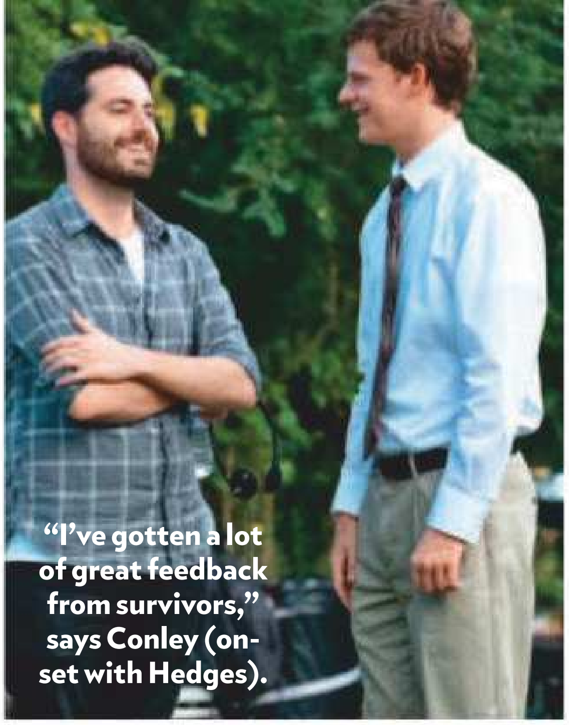
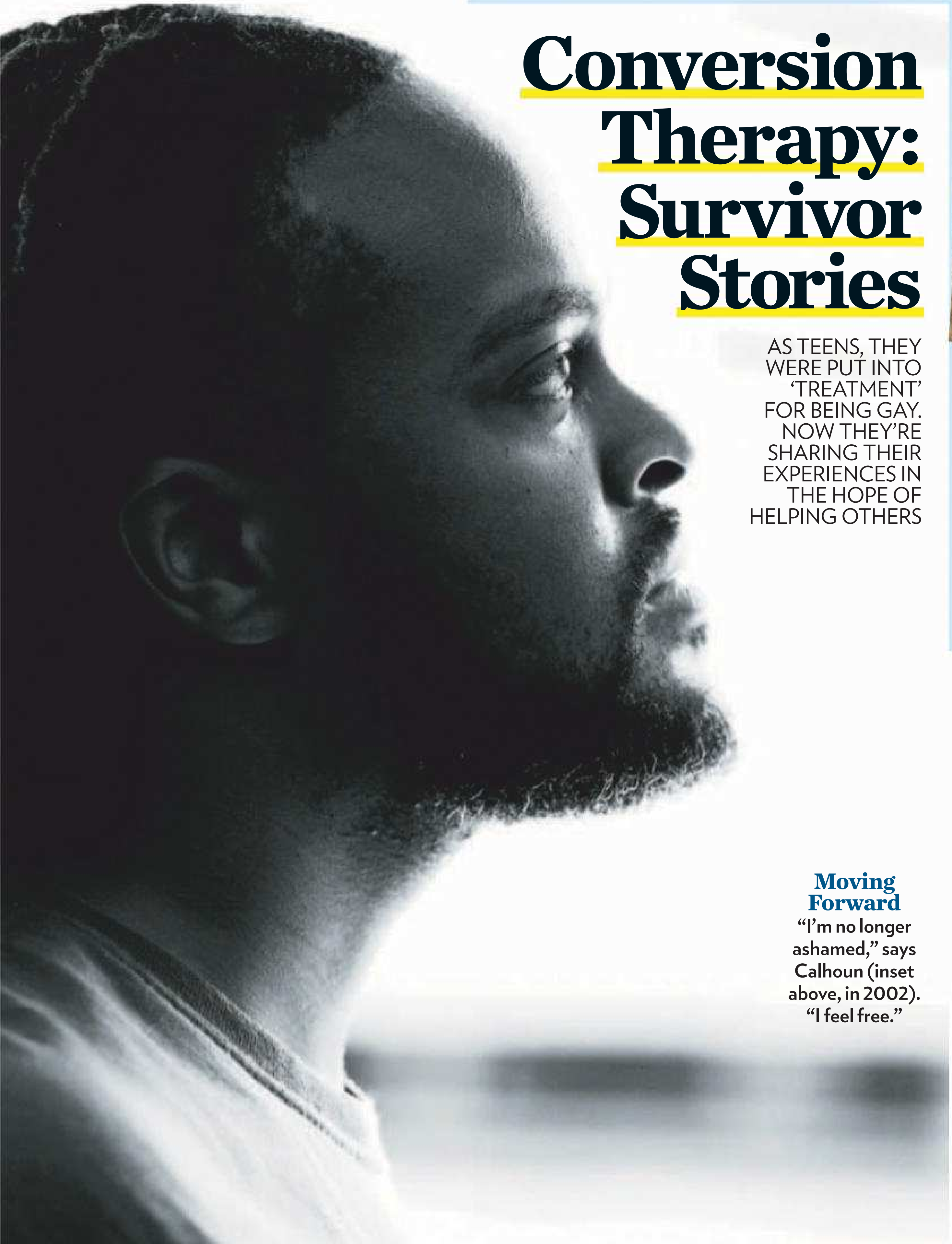


“I’ve gotten a lot of great feedback from survivors,” says Conley (on-set with Hedges).

his breaking point, bolted out of the session and called his mother, Martha, begging her to come get him. “My mom saved my life,” says Garrard. “We went back home, and Dad was like, ‘Did it work?’ It was very uncomfortable.”

Martha Conley credits prayer with helping her rebuild her relationship with her son. “I was like, ‘God, if I’m wrong, then I need you to help me, and help me understand how I can help Garrard,’ she says. The relationship between Garrard and his father, however, remains “complicated.” “He still believes what he believes,” says Garrard, “but we’ve found ways around it.” Now living in New York City with his husband, Shahab, a software engineer, Garrard hopes to help others avoid the torment he endured. The now-defunct Love in Action “was just an intense version of something I’d always seen,” he says. “When you’re in an environment where people don’t accept who you are, it feels like conversion therapy.” ●



Conversion Therapy: Survivor Stories

AS TEENS, THEY WERE PUT INTO ‘TREATMENT’ FOR BEING GAY. NOW THEY’RE SHARING THEIR EXPERIENCES IN THE HOPE OF HELPING OTHERS

Moving Forward “I’m no longer ashamed,” says Calhoun (inset above, in 2002). “I feel free.”

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Darren Calhoun, 38

Struggling with his sexuality as a teen, he surrendered his life to his pastor for two years

I was born and raised in a Christian home on the South Side of Chicago. When I was young, I remember hoping that I would magically be attracted to girls. Instead I began to have crushes on guys. I was very involved in the church, and I didn’t know anyone who was gay. I prayed to become straight and would look in the mirror every morning asking myself if I was going to be gay the rest of my life.

Going to college in 1997 changed things. I started building friendships with people who were gay and became a lot more confident in myself. My parents supported me, but there were people in the church who told me that God didn’t want me to be gay. I felt very helpless

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and shameful. It led me to stop identifying as gay, but I acted out and secretly hooked up with a lot of people.

Finally I went to the pastor of the church and told him I needed help. He said he was going to make me right. It was very subtle at first. He said I had to get rid of my gay friends, pray more and live in his church's basement in Chicago. When I was still gay two years later, I had to move to their church in Indiana to show my commitment to God.

'It took years for me to build up trust again'

—DARREN CALHOUN

I left everything behind. I dropped out of school and was given $50 a week. I had a photography business on the side, which I had to stop. My father died shortly before I moved, and I couldn't mourn his death because I was focused on how to get right with God. The pastor wouldn't let me go to my best friend's wedding because I had to be more spiritual. I was under his supervision 24 hours a day and was told to fast two days a week. He said this would help me become heterosexual and let me go to heaven.

Over time it became clear to me that this wasn't healthy, and I knew I shouldn't feel ashamed. I called my mom, and she came to the rescue and drove me home. I was so wounded and hurt by what had happened. It took at least 10 years for me to build up trust again. I'm now an advocate for the Born Perfect campaign and working to change conversion-therapy laws. Every Sunday I lead my church in worship. I've gone from being forced to hide parts of myself in a basement to literally being able to stand up and remind people that God loves everyone. That includes me as a black, gay man.

Rebuilding Her Life
Cooper in 2018. Below: With Kenzie Cochran, 24, her girlfriend for the past year.

Alex Cooper, 23

Forced into therapy by her parents, the California teen was held against her will for eight months

I came out to my parents in 2010 when I was 15. I had a hickey on my neck, and I told my mom it was from a girl. My family was very Mormon, so I figured they would be upset, but I thought they would just need time to cool off. They told me that I was going to be staying with my grandparents in Utah.

But they didn't take me there. Instead we went to another house, and when we walked in, my parents signed over their parental guardianship to this couple and left me there for conversion therapy. I was screaming and crying. I ended up being there for eight months. During that time I wasn't able to go to school. They made me wear a backpack full of rocks and told me I had to feel the physical burden of being gay. I would wake up in the morning and try to put on as many layers as possible so the straps wouldn't dig into my shoulders. I also got beatings, and I had to stand and face the wall for sometimes up to 18 hours a day. I tried to escape many times in public. I would scream "Please help me" and "These people are not my parents" at McDonald's. But no one ever listened, and I was always punished.

'I tried to escape many times in public, but no one ever listened'

—ALEX COOPER

Three months after I got there, I turned 16, and as a gift to myself I took every pill in the house. I wanted to kill myself, but I just got very sick.

It got worse before it got better. Finally I decided to play along because it was my only way out. They allowed me to go to school, and I ended up telling a kid who sat next to me what was happening. He was the president of the gay-straight alliance, and he put me in touch with Salt Lake City attorney Paul Burke. I was able to escape a month later at 3 a.m. when the couple were sleeping.

A judge allowed me to return home to my parents and ordered them to allow me to date girls, attend dances and join my school's gay-straight alliance. My parents were happy to have me back. They say having me in their lives is better than not.

Today I live in Portland, Ore., and work for the Human Rights Campaign. My mom tells me all the time how sorry she is. I think they sent me to conversion therapy because they were concerned about my soul. I have never blamed them—in their eyes they were doing what was best for me even though it obviously wasn't. I had a really good relationship with them before all of this, and we have a really good relationship now. I hated the religion, but I have never hated my parents.

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A Fresh Start
"It's scary but also exhilarating," says Pulos (photographed in her Los Angeles home on Oct. 23). "I'm excited for what's ahead."

Flipping Out's Jenni Pulos

'OUR FRIENDSHIP IS OVER'

The reality star opens up about her painful split with boss **Jeff Lewis**—and the mistreatment she will never tolerate again

By AILI NAHAS

Over the past 11 years, reality star Jenni Pulos has divorced, remarried, struggled with infertility and welcomed two children. Through it all, TV cameras rolled for *Flipping Out,* the hit Bravo series chronicling the antics and outbursts of mercurial home designer Jeff Lewis and Pulos, his long-suffering sidekick. Now Pulos, 45, is in the midst of another major transition playing out both on- and off-screen. Speaking for the first time since Lewis, 48, fired her from his company in May, Pulos admits, "Change can be difficult, but I'm also embracing it." In the months following her abrupt dismissal—which will be

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FLIPPING OUT: ON-SCREEN & OFF

A Close Bond
"We all worked very hard to build something real," says Pulos (on-set in 2015 with Lewis and his former housekeeper Zoila Chavez). "I'll always be proud of that."

Team Spirit
"Jeff is a wonderful designer, and he has so many talents," says Pulos (with Lewis in 2016). "I want him to value that and to support others as well as himself."

Tensions Rise
"As a mother and as the wife of a kind man, certain behavior is no longer acceptable to me," says Pulos of Lewis (with client Jeanne Shaw in 2014), who often feuded with costars on the show. "Everyone deserves respect."

featured on the show's current 11th season—Pulos says, she's "tried to stay positive," remaining mum as Lewis placed a red X across her face on a promotional photo and labeled their relationship a sham. "My engaging would not have been the right move," she explains. "So I decided to just be quiet, to really reflect."

Pulos was a struggling actor in 2007 when she pitched a reality show about working odd jobs in Hollywood. Having done a stint at Lewis's interior-design company, she asked him to appear on the pilot, and eventually Bravo centered a new series on the fiery-tempered Lewis with Pulos as his assistant. From the beginning, *Flipping Out* fans have delighted in watching the two quarrel, but despite the occasional drama, Pulos was floored when an on-camera lunch turned into an explosive fight, and Lewis terminated her. "It wasn't my decision to leave—I always saw a role with him somehow," says Pulos, who was "puzzled" when Lewis cited wanting her to "go and do my thing." On his SiriusXM radio show in September, Lewis claimed he thought letting Pulos go "really was the best for both of us" and that "all of this was very civil." Within days, however, he elaborated on his feelings, saying that Pulos had reported him to the network and the show's production company, Authentic Entertainment, for harassment, thus jeopardizing his career. Lewis also said that the two of them had been "faking" their working relationship, claiming that Pulos was paid solely by Bravo and had not been part of his company for years.

Pulos sees the situation very differently. "I did not file an abuse claim against Jeff Lewis. Never," she declares. While Pulos is an executive producer on *Flipping Out* and is paid in that capacity by the network, she stresses that as far as she was concerned, her commitment was to Lewis. "I was his employee. I worked for Jeff Lewis Designs. When I was at the show, I was working for his company," she says. (A representative for Bravo said the network "does not comment on contracts or financials.") Still, Pulos insists, "This was an authentic ride for me, and I'm proud of that. It takes a lot of people to build something—and we built something really lovely—and only one person to wreck it. That is the most disappointing thing of all." Despite her sadness, Pulos sees little room for reconciliation. Following her dismissal, she claims, Lewis proposed that she stay on the show in a supporting role as a friend. She balked. "After that final disagreement when I was told I was no longer a part of the business, I decided that I was not going to continue a friendship with someone who thought of me the way he did," she says. "Our friendship is over. I'll always wish his family well, but I can love them from afar. The best decision for my family and my life now is to move on."

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Looking back on the relationship, Pulos struggles to reconcile her positive memories of the show with the possibility that things may not have been as they seemed. "There was absolutely a fight-and-make-up dynamic on the show," Pulos says of the pair's rapport, which often showed Lewis berating Pulos or insulting her before later making amends. "But I own the fact that a lot of what I enabled was wrong, by not saying something or by tolerating

'LIFE IS SURPRISING, BUT YOU CAN ONLY CONTROL YOURSELF. YOU HAVE TO RUN YOUR OWN RACE'
—Jenni Pulos

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certain behaviors. Mistreatment is unacceptable," she says. Today Pulos realizes the severed friendship "was a culmination of things," and she's learned a valuable lesson from it: "When in a relationship do you decide, enough? When it becomes too toxic."

Throughout this considerable shift in her life, Pulos has relied on the support of her husband of six years, orthopedic surgeon Jonathan Nassos, 41, and their two daughters, Alianna, 5, and Georgia, 17 months. "My message to my daughters is to focus not on the disappointment but on the next triumph," says Pulos, whose journey to conceive Georgia was documented on the show. "My lessons become their lessons." Now, as the fate of *Flipping Out* hangs in the balance (Lewis has claimed on social media that the show was canceled; Bravo confirms only that it is not yet renewed for a 12th season), Pulos says she hopes to stay in the entertainment industry, but with a renewed sense of purpose about what is tolerable at work—and in life. "I'm excited about the opportunity of working with people who are happy I'm there," she says. "I don't think any of us should stand in each other's light." ●

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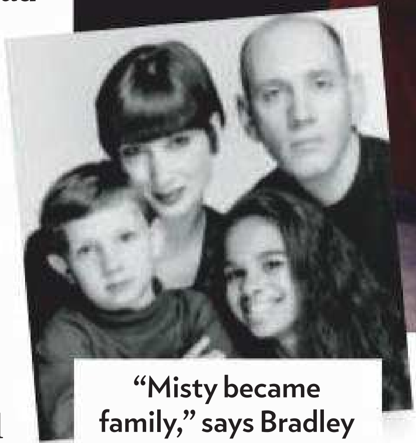
‘I wouldn’t be where I am without her; she gave me so much of herself’ —MISTY COPELAND

When I was 13, I was the captain of the dance team at my high school, and a teacher suggested I take a ballet class. Cindy Bradley had just started a program with the Boys & Girls Club to bring dance to students who wouldn’t otherwise have access to classical ballet. I took my first ballet class with her on the basketball court. Afterward she told me she’d never seen anyone like me. She kept using the word “prodigy.”

Within a couple of weeks Cindy offered me a full scholarship to come to her local school the San Pedro Ballet School and train. I did for a little, but it ended up being too much for my mom to get me back and forth from class. She was a single parent raising six kids, and we were living in a motel. Cindy didn’t know this until she drove me home one night—and when she pulled up to the motel, she was in complete shock. That same night she asked my mom if I could come live with her and train. My mom said yes, and it literally changed my world.

I lived with Cindy for two years. It was the most stable environment I had ever been in. She gave me tools I didn’t even know I didn’t have, just simple communication skills besides what she gave me as a dancer. Back then I was so shy that people thought I was mute because I didn’t speak. Cindy would sit me down and force me to think and express myself. She believed in me.

I was recently in Rwanda working with MindLeaps, an amazing organization that uses dance to empower at-risk youth. It brought back all of those memories of what Cindy did for me and how that got me to where I am today. I often send her a text to thank her for inspiring me to feel like I could do that for others. She showed me that even the smallest gesture can change someone’s life. —**AS TOLD TO CAITLIN KEATING**



“Misty became family,” says Bradley (with her son Wolf, husband Patrick and Copeland in 1996). Below: Copeland’s 1996 debut in *The Nutcracker.*

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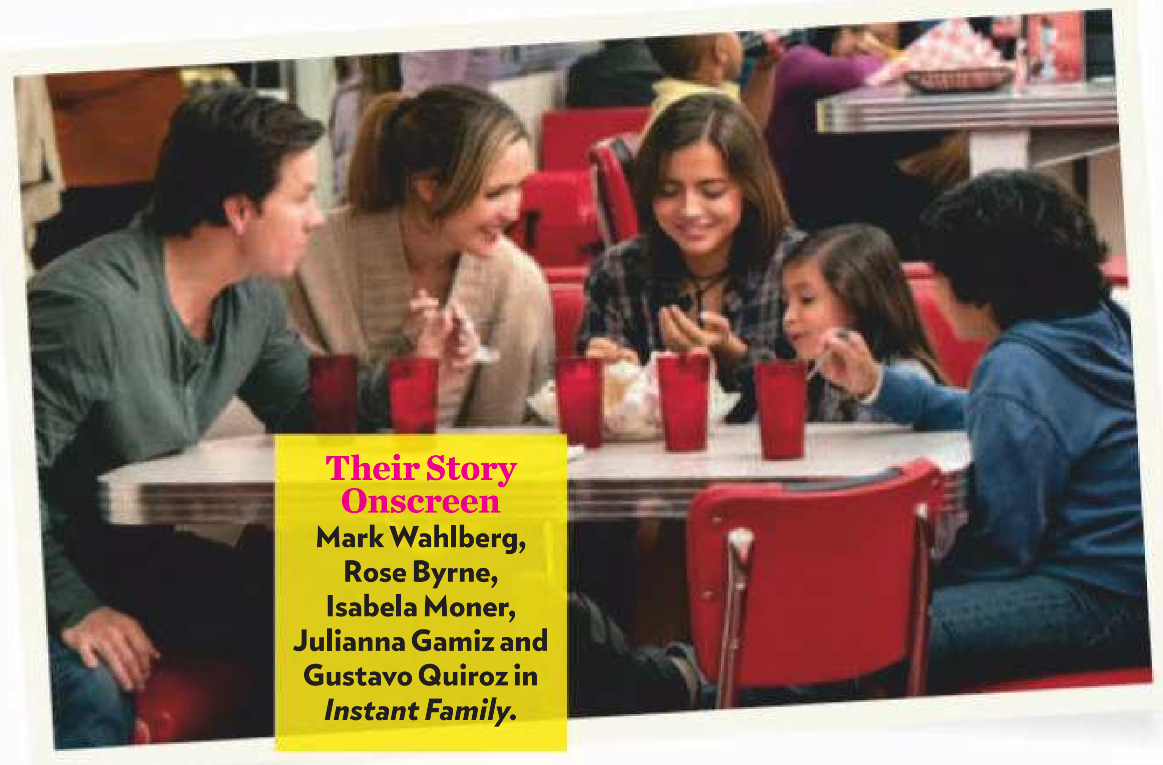
Beth and Sean Anders at home in L.A. with their children (from left) Cha-Cha, 9, Josh, 8, and Jonny, 13.

Adopting 3 Siblings from Foster Care

Our Instant Family

WHEN SEAN AND BETH ANDERS SET OUT TO ADOPT, THEY HAD NO IDEA THEY'D END UP A FIVESOME. THEIR STORY INSPIRED A NEW MOVIE STARRING MARK WAHLBERG *By* **MIA McNIECE**



Their Story Onscreen
Mark Wahlberg, Rose Byrne, Isabela Moner, Julianna Gamiz and Gustavo Quiroz in *Instant Family.*

For comedy director Sean Anders and his wife, Beth, the path to becoming a family of five started with a funny comment. Nine years ago the couple were discussing having kids when Sean, who was 40 at the time, jokingly said, "I don't want to be one of those old dads who can't throw the ball once their kid is 15. Why don't we just adopt a 5-year-old, and it'll be like I got started five years ago?"

Beth loved the idea—and they decided to get serious about it. When they found the AdoptUSKids website, they were moved to learn about the thousands of children in foster care who need permanent homes. "We gave ourselves a year

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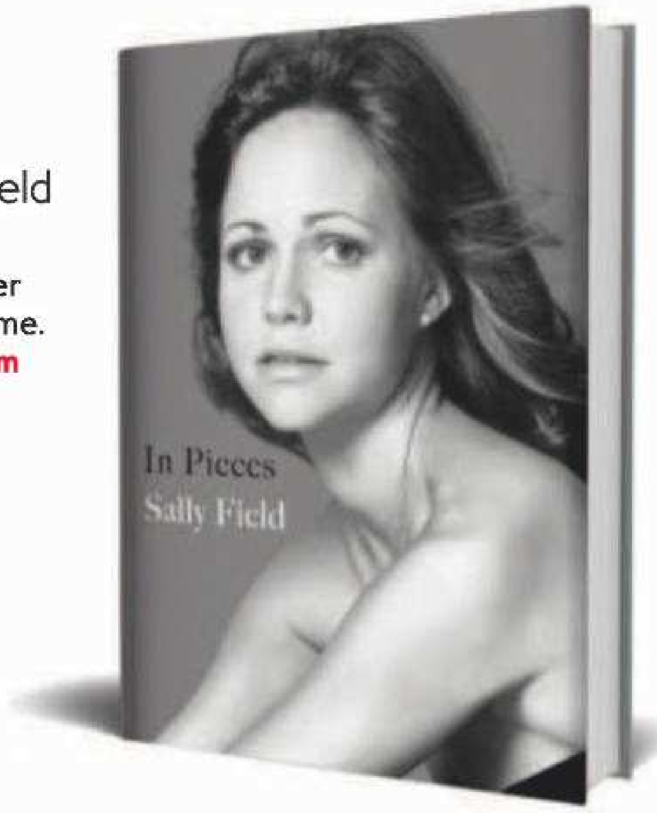

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to think," says Beth, 43, a former special-ed teacher. She and Sean, now 49, attended classes organized by the Seneca Family of Agencies, a nonprofit in California that offers adoption and foster care. "The more you learn," says Sean, "the more you just feel like, 'We have to do this.' "

Then in 2012 their social worker called: "She said, 'We have these *three* kids,' " recalls Sean. The couple were hesitant. But once they met Jonny, then 6, Charlene (nicknamed Cha-Cha), 3, and 18-month-old Josh, siblings who had been in the foster-care system for more than a year, everything felt right. "Now those kids are *our* kids, whom we love more than anything," says Sean.

> **'We went from zero to three kids overnight and didn't know what we were doing'**
> —SEAN ANDERS

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Initially, though, very little went as planned. "We had hoped there was going to be this immediate connection and we'd come away with all this magic and love. It didn't happen," says Sean. "It felt like we were babysitting someone else's kids. It was overwhelming." Plus, "Cha-Cha could throw an *Exorcist*-level tantrum." Four months after the kids arrived, Sean and Beth took them on vacation to their home state of Wisconsin—a bonding breakthrough. "When we got back, all of a sudden it

COURTESY ANDERS FAMILY

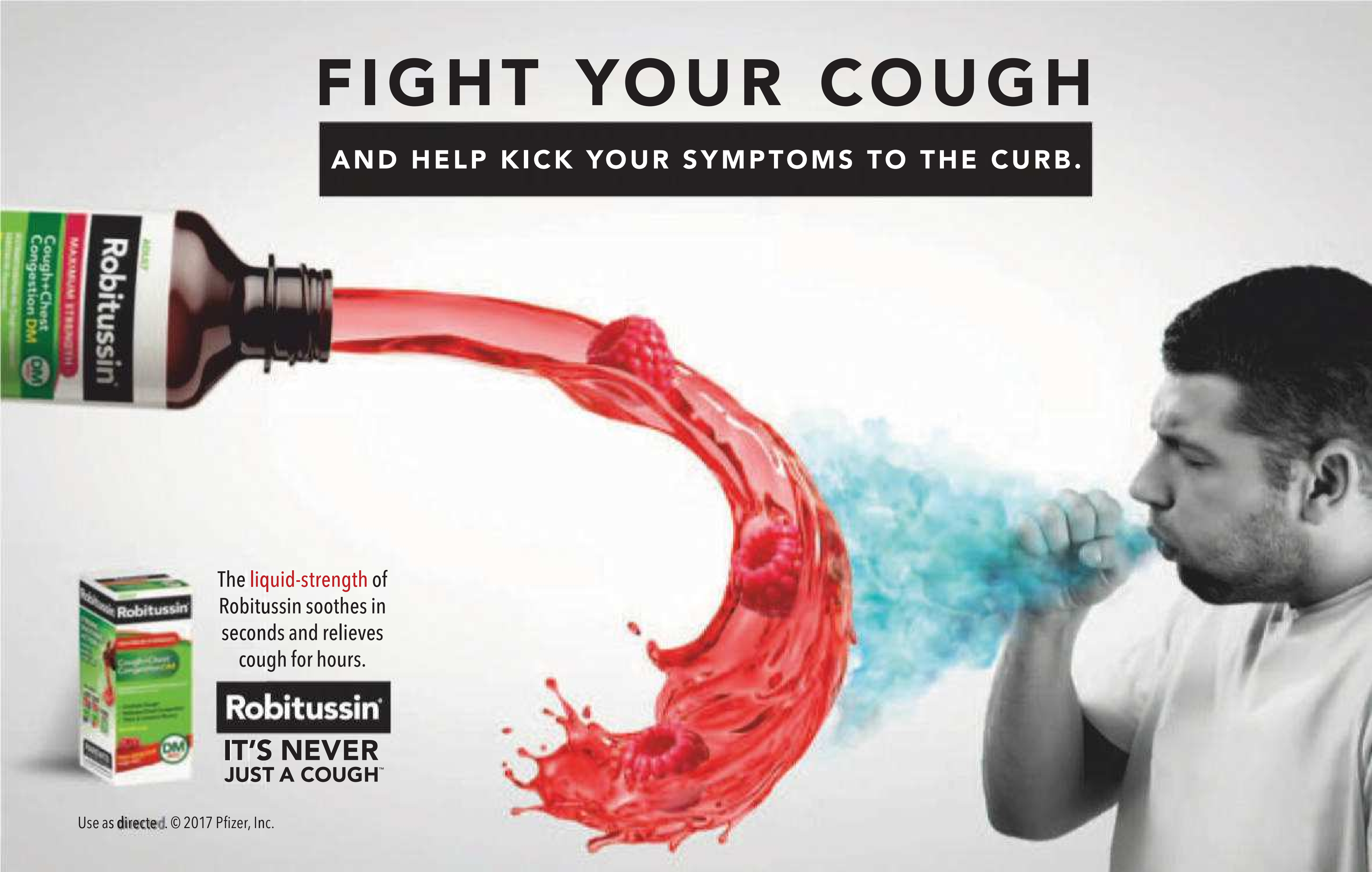
Joyful Moments “We love our kids more than anything,” says Sean (with his family and dog Dusty on Oct. 13). Left: the family in 2012.

Adopting from Foster Care

“There are currently 100,000 kids nationally in need of adoption” in the foster-care system, says Allison Davis Maxon, executive director at the National Center on Adoption and Permanency. People can help by fostering or adopting, becoming a court-appointed special advocate for a child or making donations. To learn more, go to instantfamily.org and adoptuskids.org.

felt like these were really our kids.” In 2013, after fostering the children for a year, Sean and Beth legally adopted them. (The couple never met the children’s biological mother, who they were told had drug issues.)

Now Sean, who previously directed hits such as *Daddy’s Home,* has written and directed the comedy *Instant Family* (in theaters Nov. 16), which was inspired by their experience and stars Mark Wahlberg and Rose Byrne. “When you think foster care, you don’t really think comedy. But there were so many funny things that happened along the way,” Sean says—like when preschool-aged Cha-Cha insisted on calling him by his first name: “She’d say, ‘Goodnight, Mommy. I love you. Goodnight, Sean.’ Like a knife to the heart,” he jokes. These days the family couldn’t be happier. “When you adopt,” says Sean, “you feel like it’s the best thing that you’ve ever done.” ●



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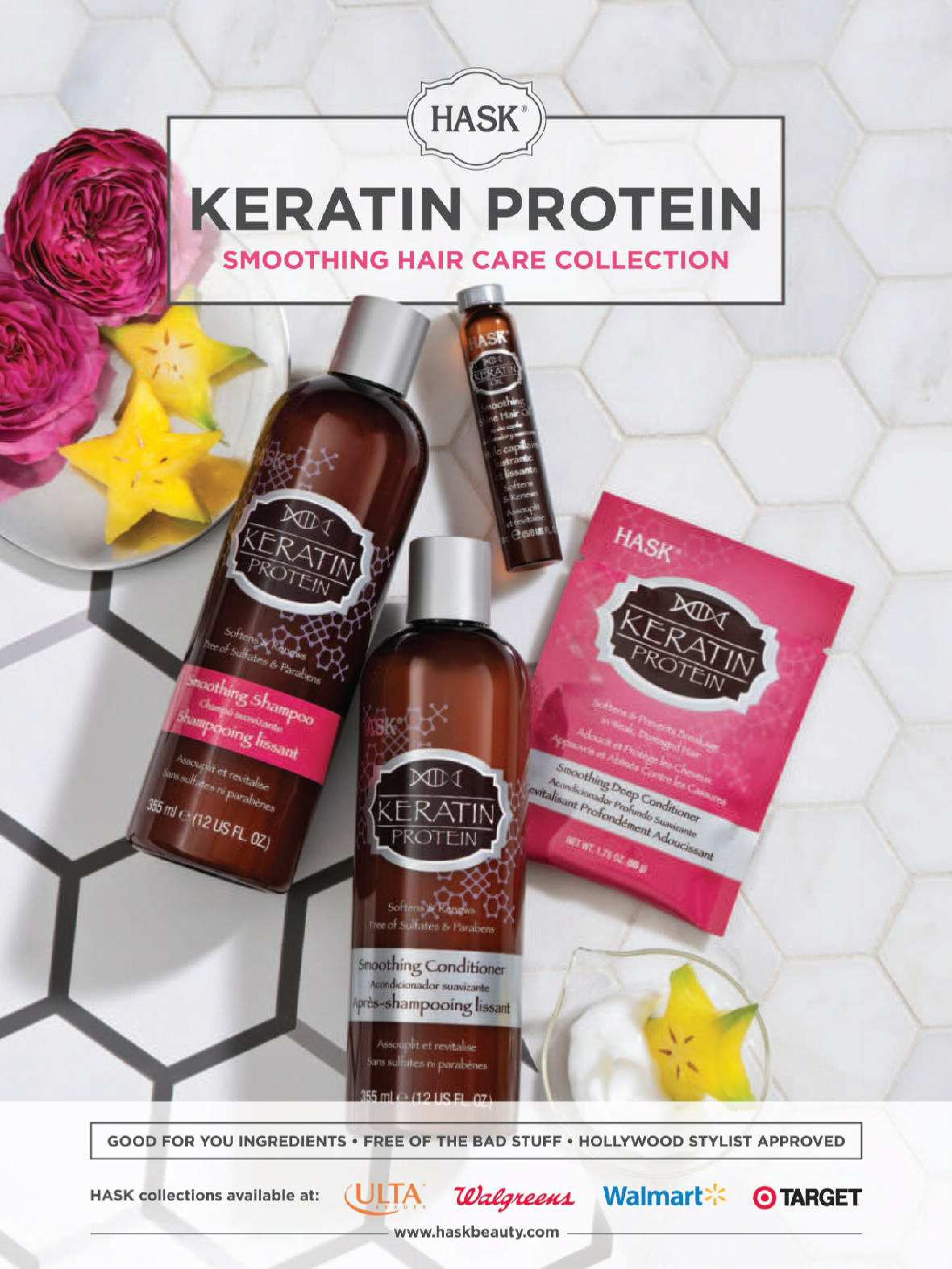
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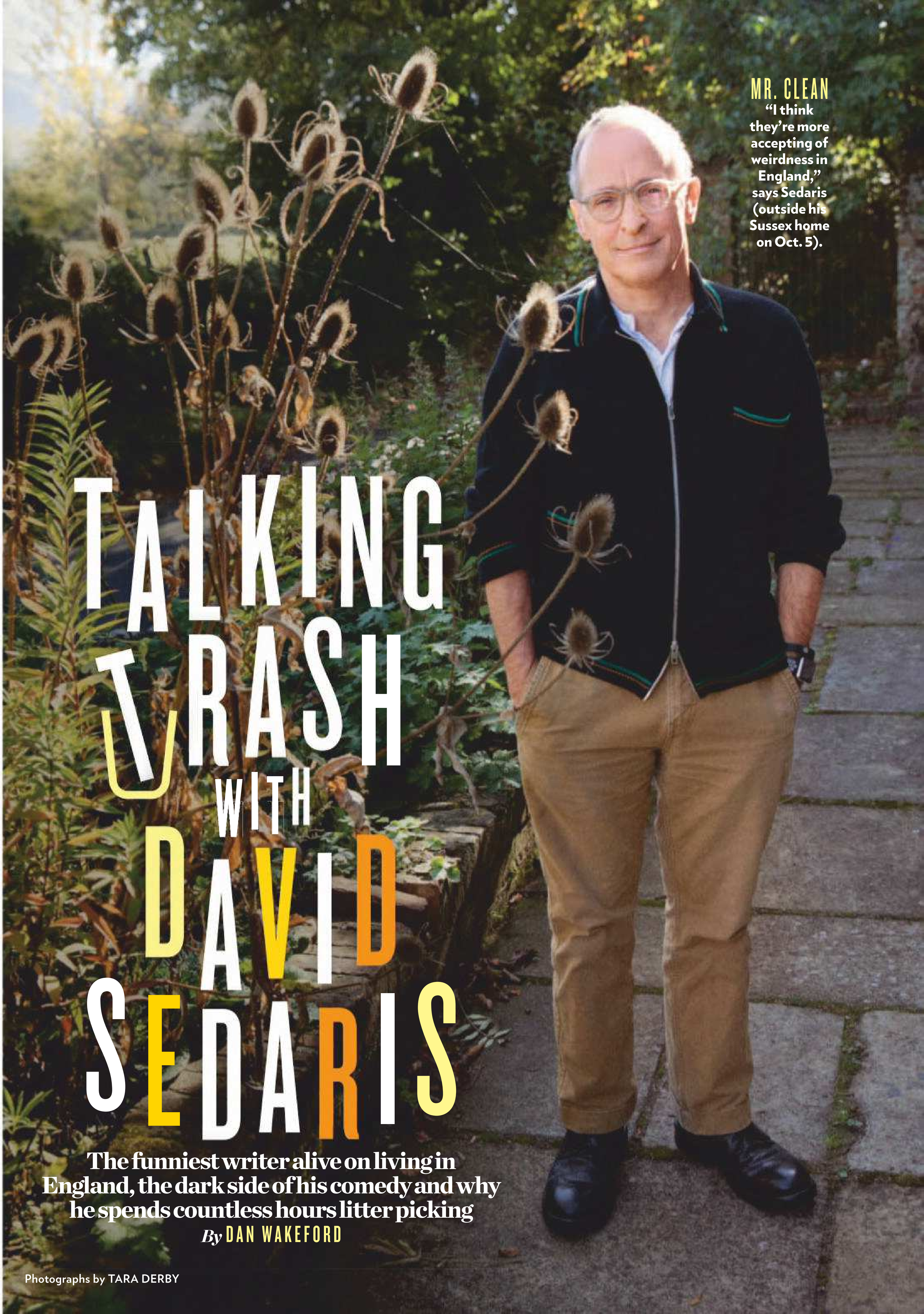

TALKING TRASH WITH DAVID SEDARIS

The funniest writer alive on living in England, the dark side of his comedy and why he spends countless hours litter picking

By DAN WAKEFORD

MR. CLEAN "I think they're more accepting of weirdness in England," says Sedaris (outside his Sussex home on Oct. 5).

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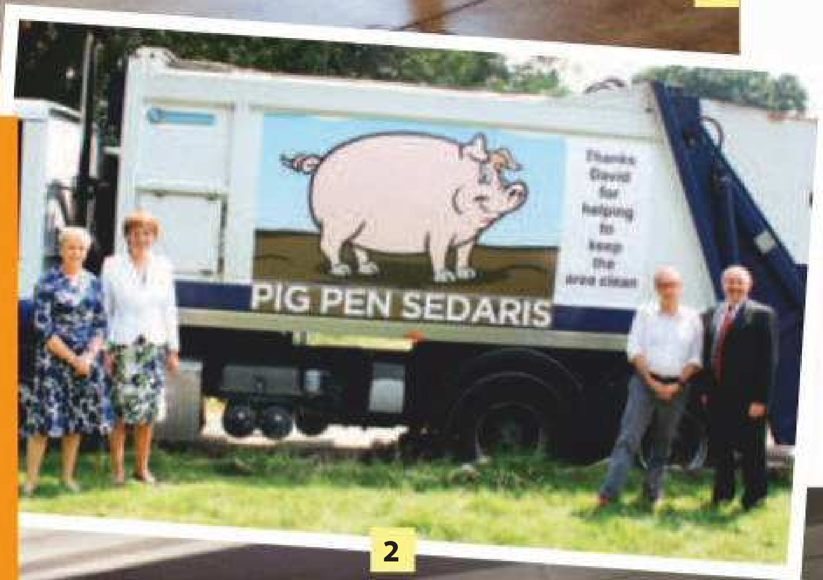
Thanks David for helping to keep the area clean
PIG PEN SEDARIS

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INSIDE HIS WORLD

1. "Writing's not cathartic for me," says Sedaris (in his home office, a former butcher shop), "but it helps me make sense of the world." **2.** Local officials rewarded him for his tireless litter picking by naming a garbage truck after him. **3.** His office houses his collection of animal skulls including those of a four horned antelope, a monkey and a snapping turtle.

David Sedaris recently had tea with the Queen at Buckingham Palace. But it wasn't because he's sold 11 million copies of his books and is a master comic storyteller. It was because of his hobby: He often leaves his home in rural Sussex at midnight, puts on a headlamp and spends up to nine hours de-littering the local highways and byways. "The Queen has these garden parties—this was do-gooder day, so there were 8,000 do-gooders there," he says, sitting in the kitchen of the 16th-century farmhouse he shares with his boyfriend of 26 years, Hugh Hamrick. "I got invited, but it was only for picking up rubbish." But still—thrilling, right? He shrugs. "People ask me what I felt when I saw her, but I felt nothing."

He blames the indifference on his American roots ("I saw Obama once," he points out, "and I was excited!"). But the truth is that Sedaris, 61, rarely does, says or feels the expected thing—and that goes a long way toward explaining his appeal. Beginning with "The SantaLand Diaries," an essay about his stint as a grumpy Macy's elf that launched his career when he read it on NPR in 1992, he has mined his own life for hilarious stories that are simultaneously utterly relatable and off-the-wall. His latest bestselling collection, *Calypso,* includes a piece about a neighborhood turtle he grew fond of—and how he had a fatty tumor removed from his own back so he could feed it to the thing (surely a first). England famously loves its eccentrics, which could be why Sedaris, who grew up in North Carolina and lived in France before crossing the channel in 2002, feels so comfortable there. "People said, 'We'll scootch down a little bit, make a place for you. Would you like a radio show? We'll give you a little show. Would you like to write for *The Guardian*?' I was so touched."

'I ALWAYS FELT VERY LUCKY TO HAVE THE FAMILY I DID'
—DAVID SEDARIS

It's not surprising, of course, that England made space for him. Even if the Queen knows more about his litter picking than his prose, Sedaris has a huge following (Reese Witherspoon is a fan!) and is an astute observer of human nature. His writing makes you giggle but also learn about yourself—it's filled with "that's exactly what I think—but I hadn't thought it yet!" moments. (On middle age: "There are few real joys. . . . The only perk I can see is that, with luck, you'll acquire a guest room.") And his stories are a family affair. Long before America was entertained by reality TV clans, Sedaris's readers were amused and moved by the eccentricities of the intellectual version of the Kardashians: his

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TEAMWORK

"Hugh proofreads my books," says Sedaris (with his partner in the caravan they found on eBay and keep in their garden). "He's really good at finding errors."

mother, father, sisters Lisa, Gretchen, Amy (yes, the famous comedian) and Tiffany, and brother Paul. He may highlight their foibles, but he adores his family. "Most people, when they get to be teenagers, they say, 'I want to be as far from you guys as possible,'" he says. "We were never like that. We wouldn't *not* be home on Saturday because that's when the scary movies were on TV, and that's when I made pizza. What could be more important?"

Lately his family tales have taken a darker turn—inevitably, he says. "If you're writing about your life, and you're getting older, there's going to be more illness and death." He writes in *Calypso* about his mother's alcoholism (she died in 1991, when he was 34), his 95-year-old father's rapid aging and, heartbreakingly, his sister Tiffany's 2013 suicide. The last time he saw Tiffany, who was younger by six years, she turned up after one of his book readings and, still angry from a fight, he closed the door in her face. "You can't make fun of other people and then make yourself look like an angel," he explains of revealing that moment. "It looks so bad. But real mental illness is not like the wacky neighbor on television. It's exhausting, and sometimes you need a break from it. There's so much mental illness in my family. I don't have depression, but I probably have other stuff going on."

Which brings us back to . . . litter.

ON THE JOB

"I can't think of weather I haven't gone out in to pick up trash," says Sedaris, showing journalist Clare Balding the ropes. "I can spot litter *anywhere*."

'MY GOAL IS TO FIND A HUMAN BODY'

—SEDARIS ON LITTER PICKING

Just as writing "definitely helps me harness my obsessive nature," Sedaris says, "so does picking up trash." That particular form of therapy started in 2010 when he spotted a man picking up litter in his village. "I said, 'Are you paid to do that?' And he said, 'No, I'm doing it because it drives me crazy.' And I thought, 'Gosh, I can do that too.' He changed my life, really."

Appalled by how much the Brits litter, he now spends his days toggling between writing and litter picking, the latter often after dark ("Because this is a true crazy person," he jokes), much to the concern of his boyfriend. "I worry about him," says Hugh, 58, a painter and set designer. But a man has to do what a man has to do. "If I weren't on duty, things would be pretty sorry around here," Sedaris says. His record for ground covered in a day? 43 miles. His grossest find so far? Soiled underpants. "My goal is to find a human body," he says. "Whenever I'm walking and I smell death, I think, 'Oh, let it be a person!'"

As he launches into a story about how he's found receipts in tossed shopping bags that led police to finding the litterbugs and issuing fines, Hugh jokingly does the international sign for crazy person behind David's back, winding his finger around his temples. Slightly shy, Hugh is the grounding constant and solid fall guy to David's comic commentary. Nothing seems to faze Hugh. David doesn't easily express his love for him ("We're engaged, I guess," he says) and has even publicly admitted he could imagine living without his boyfriend but never his family. "I took myself so seriously," Hugh explains. "And when I met David, the fact that he could make fun of me. . . . He makes me laugh."

Also, he keeps a very tidy house, if the singleminded way he's currently picking up bread crumbs from the kitchen counter is any indication. As a child, Sedaris admits, "my room was a shrine of cleanliness." It's all part of the anxiety and compulsions he lives with, which were never officially diagnosed as OCD. "Plenty of people have it worse than I do," he says. "I could be doing any number of things—I could be in a room obsessively thinking, counting the fly legs on the floor. But I kind of feel like I make a difference—not as a writer so much, but picking up litter. I was able to harness it for the good." ●

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Hope in the Darkness
Discovering the boys alive on July 2 (inset) brought a surge of relief to their parents, who were "exhausted beyond measure," says journalist Gutman.

Thai Soccer Team

The Truth About Their Harrowing Rescue

TRAPPED IN A CAVE FOR 18 DAYS WITHOUT FOOD OR FRESH AIR, 12 BOYS AND THEIR COACH GOT OUT ALIVE—BUT THEIR ODDS WERE FAR WORSE THAN THE PUBLIC KNEW *By* **ADAM CARLSON**

For weeks the world watched and held its breath: Would the Wild Boars soccer team and its assistant coach be rescued alive from the Tham Lunag cave system in Mae Sai, Thailand, where floodwaters had unexpectedly trapped them on June 23? Thanks to superhuman efforts by an international team of divers and military personnel, the group—boys between 11 and 16 and a 24-year-old coach, Ekapol Chanthawong—made it out and are now seemingly thriving (not to mention enjoying celebrity status: They were recently guests on Ellen*). But in his new book* The Boys in the Cave *ABC News's chief national correspondent Matt Gutman, who spent weeks reporting from the scene, reveals how easily everything*

Team Spirit
The kids (in early 2018) stayed strong while trapped and "helped rescue themselves," Gutman says.

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A Wrenching Wait

The boys were supplied with silver space blankets for warmth along with packets of ready-to-eat food. On the outside, parents offered gifts of milkshakes and fruit and lit candles and incense for local spirts they hoped might aid their sons.

could have gone wrong. "The odds were so stacked against these people," says Gutman--who notes that rescuers expected 75 to 80 percent of the boys would perish while being ferried out. "It was so much more complex and miraculous than anybody thought." In the excerpt below, Gutman describes how a brief post-practice visit to a local landmark turned into a nightmarish ordeal after sudden floodwaters blocked escape from the cave's Chamber Nine, a little more than 1.5 miles from the entrance.

Coach Ek had promised the boys the waters would recede, but in fact it had been the opposite. Finally they found ground high enough to keep them dry. Chamber Nine had a flatter area about the size of a bathroom that served as their living quarters. The realization that they were stuck here brought on whimpers of fear and longing. When one boy started to cry, the others would try to cheer him up. All wept at some point.

Four days in they began raving with hunger. The cave offered nothing to eat—there was only the occasional translucent cockroach-size crab skittering across the mud. In an effort to distract them from their hunger and fear, Coach Ek, a former monk, would lead them in meditation. He also felt he had to give them a mission, so he'd set them to work clawing at the cave. The young athletes began trying to dig their way out.

Though Coach Ek had the boys dig a latrine pit, after several days the chamber was filled with the smell of ammonia. It was accompanied by the distinct bouquet of human feces, sweat, and fear. They didn't know if anyone knew where they were. They tried not to think about food, but that would only trigger more thoughts: basil fried rice, crispy pork. They slept most of the day, hugging themselves to keep warm.

In the hours after the boys had gone missing, worried parents learned that a cave excursion had been planned. They and park rangers rushed to the cave's entrance that evening, quickly learning that the cave had flooded, and that waters were rising.

The parents shouted into the cave's entrance. "Night!" "Biw!" "Dom!" "Titan!" The only answer was echoes. Many of the parents would not leave that spot for days, refusing to eat or sleep.

As word of the missing team spread, divers and cave experts from around the world flooded to the site: Thai Navy SEALs, a U.S. Air Force Special Tactics Team, Australia's premier dive-rescue group and many more. No one knew if the boys were alive—or how to proceed. They were trying everything: pumping out water, drilling in from the mountain above the cave. Finally, on July 2, two of the world's best cave divers, Brits Rick Stanton and John Vollanthen, donned scuba gear and plunged into the coffee-colored water.

More than a mile and a half in, and hours from help, they smelled something. The stench was so foul they initially feared they had stumbled upon corpses. Then they heard voices. They swam closer. Vollanthen pressed record on his camera.

Vollanthen: How many of you?

A boy named Adul: Thirteen.

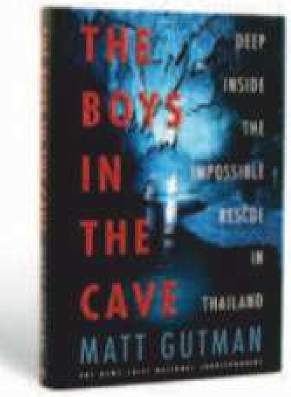
Vollanthen: Brilliant. It's okay. Many people are coming.

He had no idea whether it was true.

The boys had been entombed in the cave for 10 days. Told their children were alive, their parents—and the increasingly transfixed world—rejoiced.

But now, a bigger question: what to do next. The diving was harrowing: close to a mile in water so cold and dark it would spook even experienced divers. None of the boys could swim.

Thai officials wanted to wait until the rainy season ended, piping in oxygen and sending food in the meantime. But piping in oxygen proved to be an engineering nightmare that arguably cost the life of an ex-Thai Navy SEAL. And only a few divers in the world had the skill to ferry food so far.



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Courage Under Pressure
The divers who carried the boys to safety "just had to pray it would work," Gutman says. On the last day of the rescue, the Thai Navy SEALs gave the thumbs-up.

Waiting months meant all the boys would die. A dive rescue meant some might be saved.

Swimming them through without sedation would have been terrifying for the boys and possibly dangerous for the divers; the only option was to knock them out. The divers expected it would take eight to ten hours to swim to the boys and ferry them out. It was decided the boys should wear thick wet suits to avoid hypothermia, and specialized positive-pressure full face masks. The masks would ensure the comatose boys kept breathing. But if a mask's seal broke, as the unconscious boys' heads bumped against the tunnel walls, it would likely flood with water. The divers would have almost no way to know whether they were towing a kid who was comatose, or one who had died.

The commander of the US Special Tactics unit told Thai ministers there was a "very, very high level of risk… If we bring back just one boy to his parents, I'd consider that a success."

Grimly, Thai officials gave the U.S. team and the divers the green light to begin on July 8. The parents were informed that a rescue dive would begin. But none knew the boys would be sedated, or how low the chances of survival were.

Before the boys walked to the water's edge for the rescue dive they would be given a Xanax; then Dr. Richard Harris, an anesthesiologist who happened to be one of the world's best cave divers, would give them two injections each; one shot of the sedative ketamine and another of the drug atropine, which would dry up the boys' mouths and lungs to prevent them from choking on their saliva or mucus. The divers would have to readminister the ketamine during the journey—to keep them unconscious throughout.

The boys were told they were to swallow a pill that would make them feel funny. They would then get injections and fall asleep; they would wake up in the hospital. They didn't flinch.

The harrowing rescue proceeded over the next three days. One by one each boy was ferried out. There were close calls: a couple of them stopped breathing for minutes at a time along the way. At a dry point between water-filled passages, one of the divers, Claus Rasmussen, took to whispering to each sedated bundle in his rudimentary Thai.

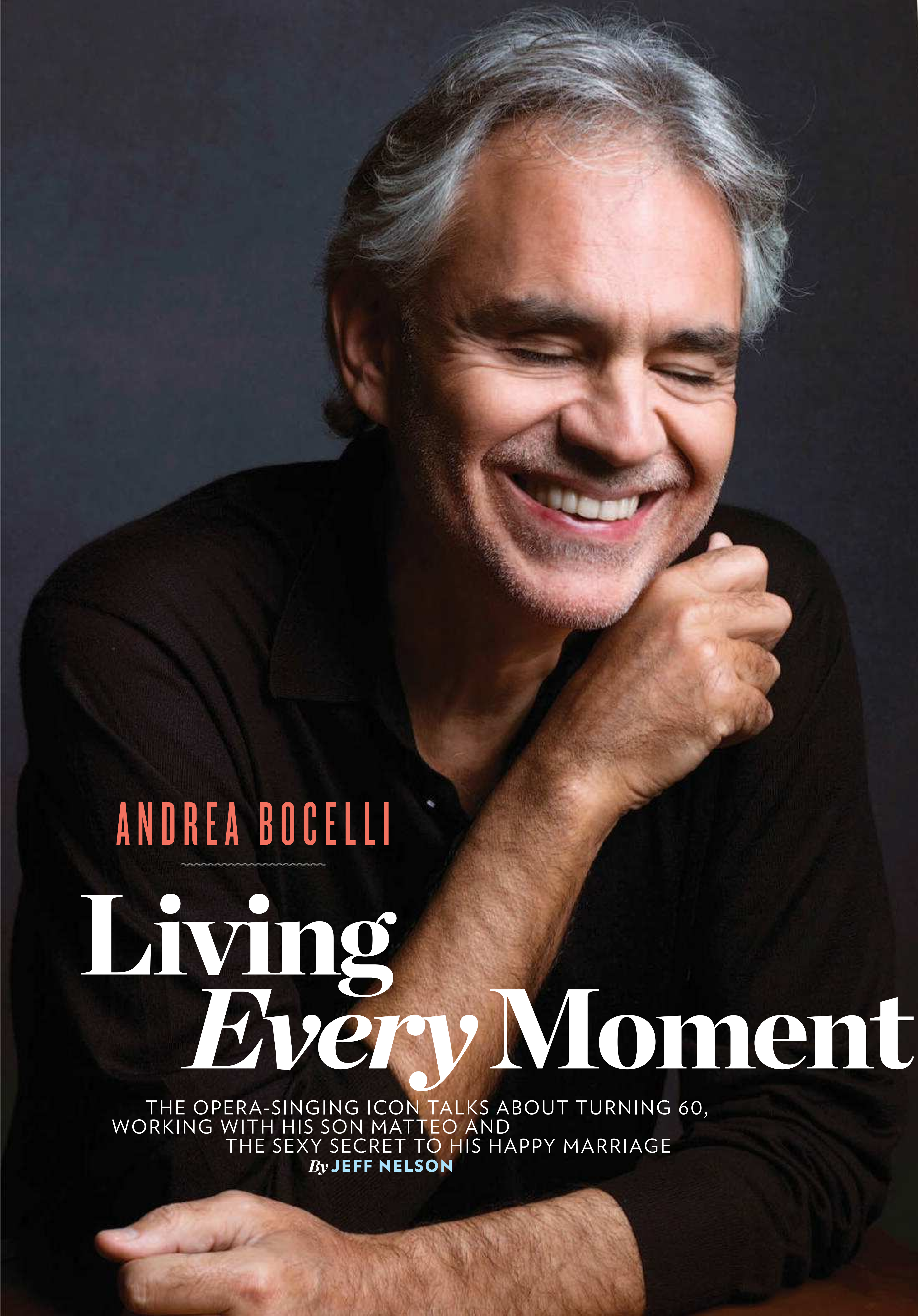
"Don't worry son—you're on your way home—you're going to your mom." It was partly to soothe the boy and partly to calm his own nerves.

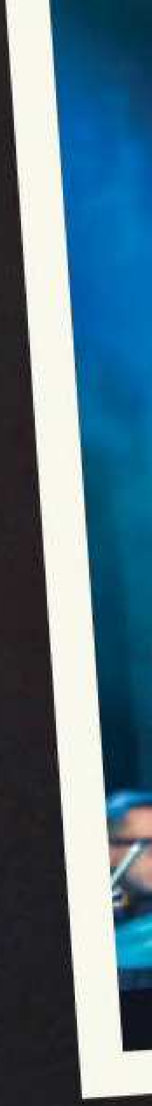
Miraculously all 12 boys and their coach made it out alive and were rushed to the hospital. Only when all were there would their parents be allowed to see them. But before that, on the night they hauled the last boy to safety, amidst jubilation at the rescue camp, Stanton and Vollanthen were asked to visit with the families, along with a translator, outside the cave.

It was their first time meeting. Tears flowed more easily than words. One mother looked directly at Stanton and said, "I had died, and now got a second lease on life."

At the hospital, one by one, the soccer players blinked open their eyes. Within hours, most were sitting up, some standing. It wouldn't be long before the parents could hold their children's faces in their hands—after nearly three weeks of terror that they'd lose them forever. ●

A New Normal
After about 10 days in the hospital (left), the teammates (at a local temple on Aug. 22) returned to their daily routines. "Some of them overdosed on Kentucky Fried Chicken and put their weight back on," says Vern Unsworth, a cave expert who assisted the divers. Says Gutman: "It doesn't seem they've been traumatized. They have had psychological supervision. But it's also 12 kids of varying ages, and one could be suffering and we don't know it."



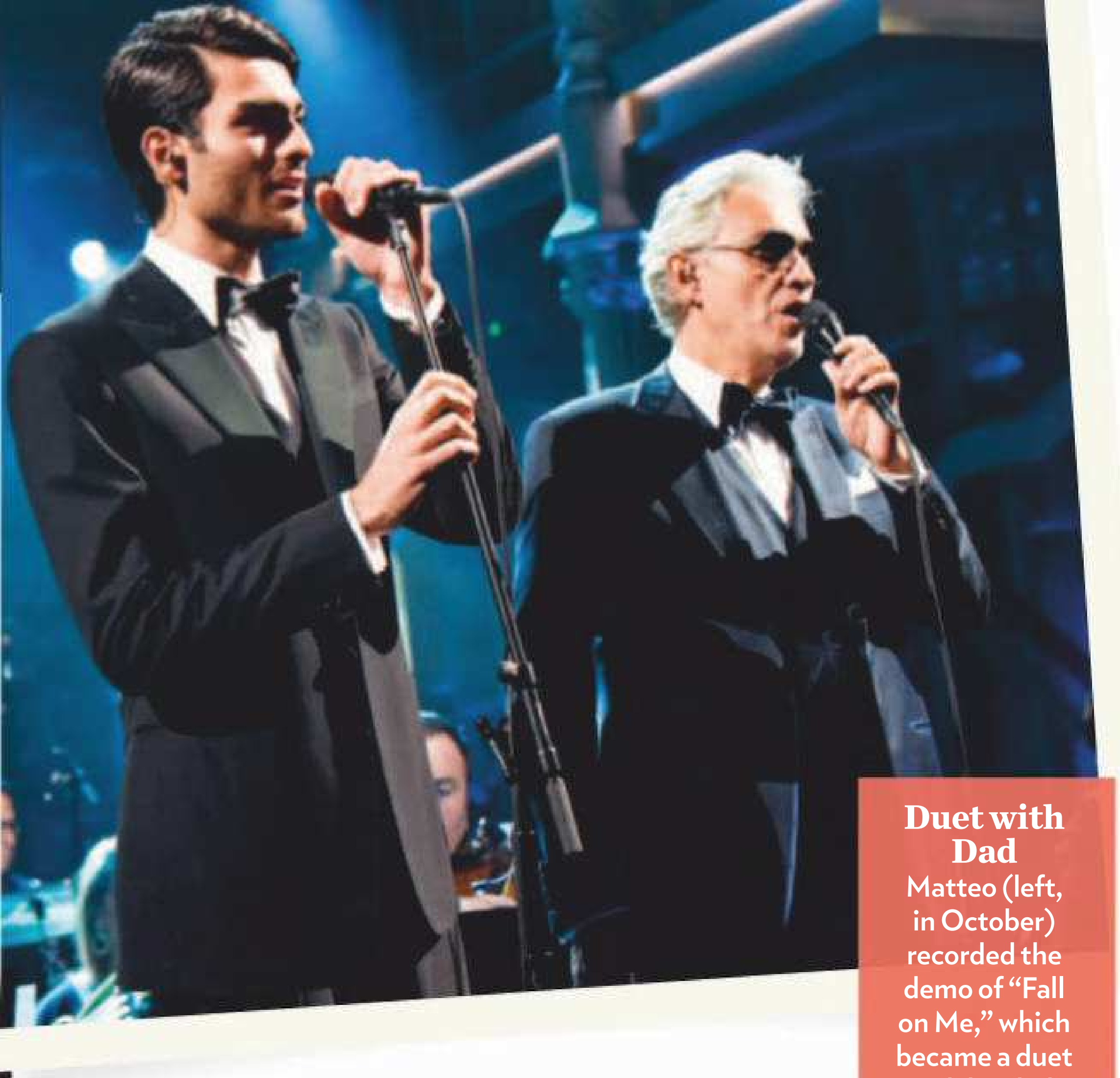


ANDREA BOCELLI

Living *Every* Moment

THE OPERA-SINGING ICON TALKS ABOUT TURNING 60, WORKING WITH HIS SON MATTEO AND THE SEXY SECRET TO HIS HAPPY MARRIAGE

By **JEFF NELSON**



Duet with Dad
Matteo (left, in October) recorded the demo of "Fall on Me," which became a duet with his dad. "I'm used to just singing with him for fun," says Matteo.

At 60 years old, Andrea Bocelli feels like he's in the prime of life. "It's a huge gift of God," the Italian opera tenor tells People *(through an English translator) of reaching the milestone birthday this year. "I received well beyond my expectations. It's important to live every moment." Born to farmer parents Alessandro and Edi, Bocelli was raised in the small village of Lajatico, Tuscany; he was diagnosed with congenital glaucoma as an infant, then lost his full sight at age 12 following a freak soccer accident. He never let his blindness define him, and after pursuing a childhood passion for music he went on to perform throughout Europe, earning rave reviews for his angelic voice. In 1998, at nearly 40, the singer rose to international fame after a rousing performance at the Kennedy Center. Ever since, he's wowed everyone from Presidents to the Pope to even Kim Kardashian and Kanye West at their wedding. Offstage, though, he's a laid-back family man—he has sons Amos, 23, and Matteo, 21, from his first marriage and 6-year-old daughter Virginia with wife Veronica, 34, whom he wed in 2014. "I'm a man that came from the countryside, so I love the earth. My hobbies have a lot to do with my roots," says Bocelli. Happy to dispel misconceptions about living blind, he is an avid equestrian and windsurfer. "I like the adrenaline to pump. I like to be a bit adventurous," he explains. Now he's shaking things up musically with Sì, his first album of original songs in 14 years, which includes surprising collaborations with Ed Sheeran, Dua Lipa, Josh Groban . . . and even his talented son Matteo. "I live day by day," Bocelli says. "My mentor told to me that whoever makes long-term plans is not very wise. So I just want to live my life being worthy of what I am given."*

You just rang in your 60th birthday in September. How did you celebrate?
I got myself a gift! I bought a wonderful stallion—4 years old but really beautiful and one of the best horses in Spain. Horses are a passion for me.

Despite a scary fall while riding last year, you haven't slowed down—what's your secret?
The energy that I get comes from my infinite love of life. To be more practical in my explanation, I took up a recent diet that [Serbian tennis pro Novak] Djokovic adopted—it's the gluten-free diet. [I started] in March. I feel 20 years younger.

You duet with your son Matteo on this record. At what point did he get involved?
He was not in my plans—I actually didn't want him to participate in the recordings, because I believe he needs to finish his studies at the conservatory. But we had a great opportunity, and we took it because it was a great song. But it doesn't mean in any way that he's arrived!

It sounds like you're hesitant for him to get into the music industry.
I hope very much that this would be a first step for Matteo along many steps in his career, but my hope for him especially is that he stays who he is, that he remains anchored to the values

Family Man
Bocelli at his Miami vacation house in 2016, with, from left, Matteo, Virginia, Veronica and Amos.

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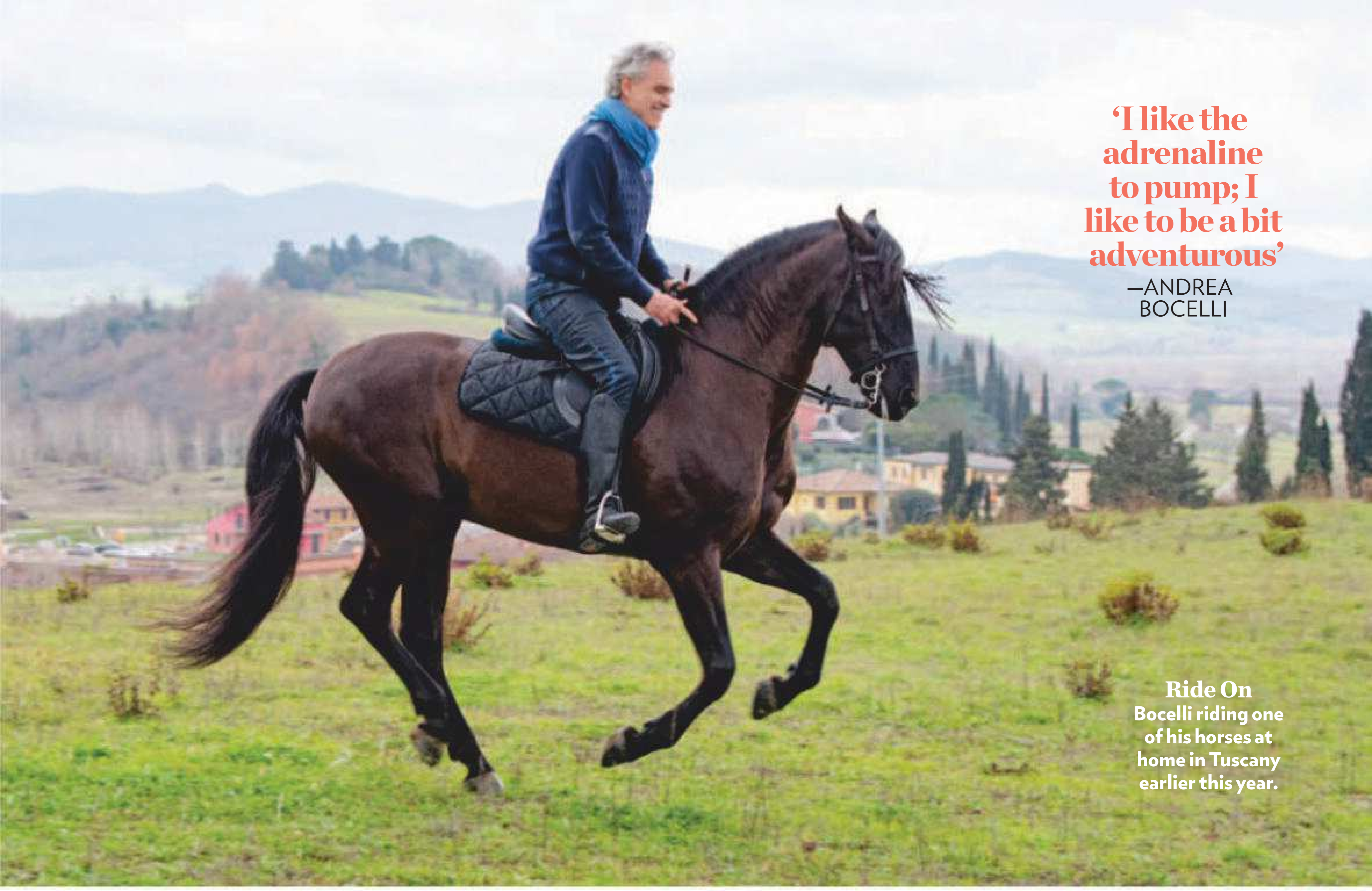

> 'I like the adrenaline to pump; I like to be a bit adventurous'
> —ANDREA BOCELLI

Ride On Bocelli riding one of his horses at home in Tuscany earlier this year.

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that he grew up with in our family and does not fall into the traps that many have fallen into. I would never forgive myself for this debut if that happened. You have to stay modest and humble.

You've got two older sons and a 6-year-old daughter. Does it feel different raising a girl?

There's no difference until she's 16. Then we'll see. There are many beautiful monasteries . . . [*Laughs*]

You and Veronica dated for 12 years before marrying. How do you two keep love alive?

My theory is chemistry. If there's chemistry between two people, then there is poetry, there is harmony, there is mutual understanding—there is love; if not, nothing. If the bedroom door opens the world to something beautiful and interesting, then love will last. If the bedroom door opens onto something that's boring or uninteresting, it won't last.

Yes Man
"I want the music to bring goosebumps," Bocelli says of *Sì*.

What makes you the happiest these days?

I think happiness can be dangerous, so I opt more for serenity. So for me serenity, or my form of happiness, is a lit fireplace, a glass of wine, a good friend to talk to . . . and my wife waiting for me in the bedroom! [*Laughs*] ●

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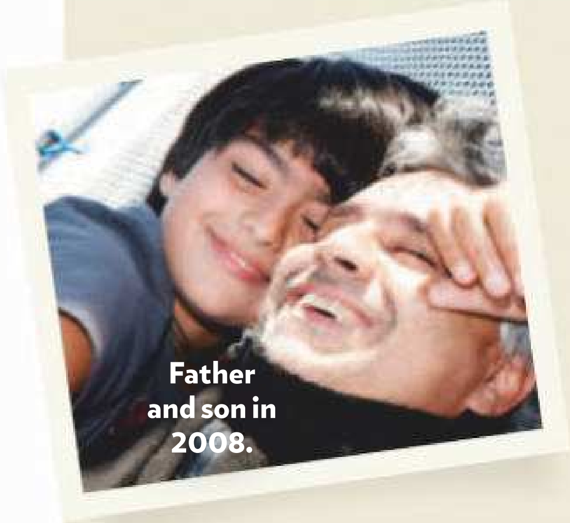
Meet His (Stunning!) Son



Father and son in 2008.

Bocelli's younger son Matteo, 21, inherited his father's bone structure—as well as his soaring vocals. While he duets with Dad on the *Sì* track "Fall on Me," Matteo—who has played piano since he was 6 and currently studies music at the Conservatory of Lucca in Italy—used to be self-conscious about his voice. "I was always singing since I was a child, but I was doing it just in front of my mom—never my dad because I was a little bit shy," says the young musician. As for the spotlight, he's still adjusting. "It's been big for me, maybe too much," he says of sharing the stage with Dad in front of thousands. But overall, the budding Bocelli is grateful to do what he loves: "I'm living in a dream."

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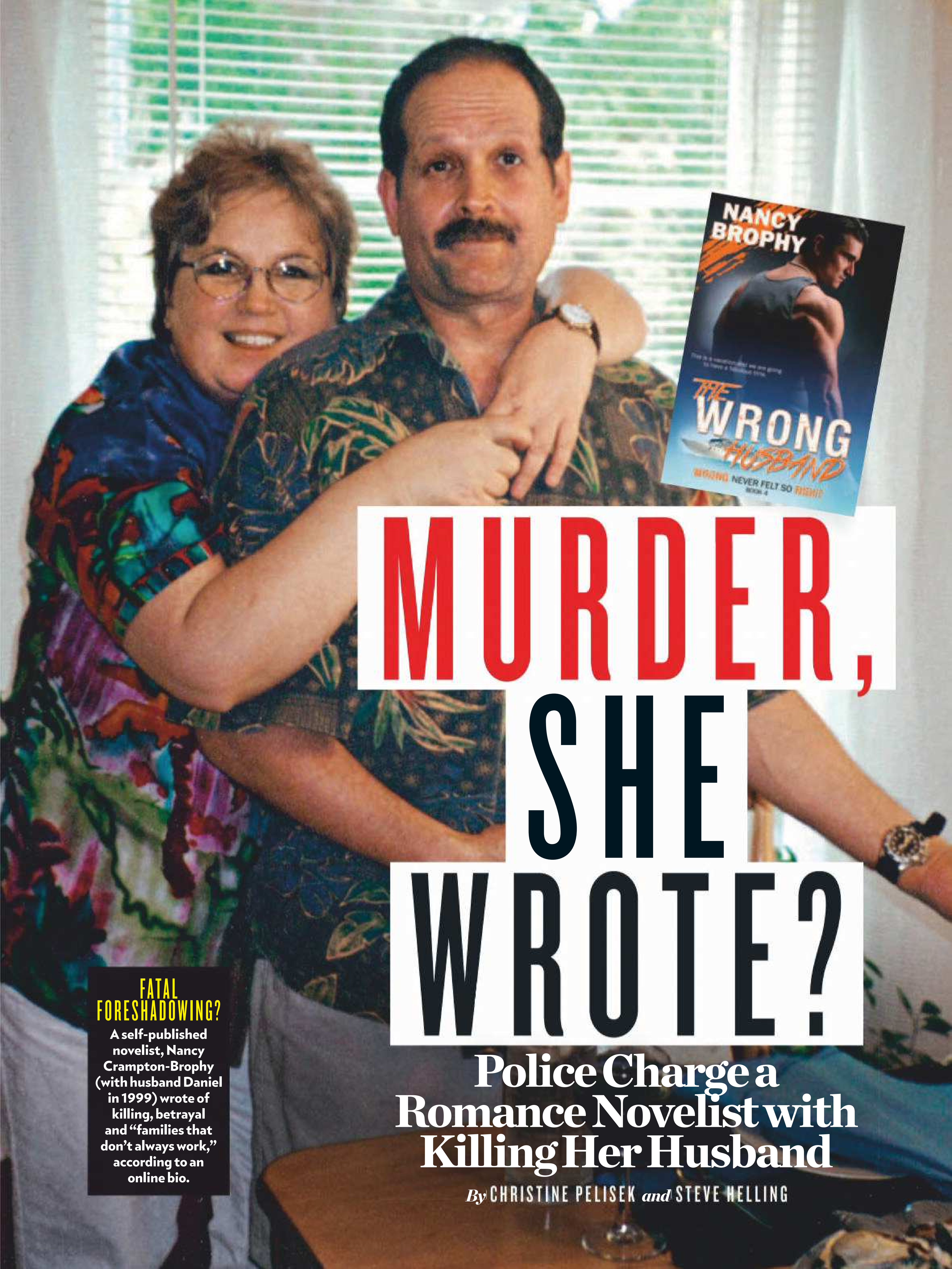
NANCY BROPHY
THE WRONG HUSBAND
WRONG NEVER FELT SO RIGHT!
BOOK 4

FATAL FORESHADOWING? A self-published novelist, Nancy Crampton-Brophy (with husband Daniel in 1999) wrote of killing, betrayal and "families that don't always work," according to an online bio.

MURDER, SHE WROTE?

Police Charge a Romance Novelist with Killing Her Husband

By CHRISTINE PELISEK *and* STEVE HELLING

To their friends, romance writer Nancy Crampton-Brophy and her husband of more than 27 years, chef Daniel Brophy, seemed to live an idyllic life. While she wrote about sex, murder and betrayal in self-published books with titles like *The Wrong Husband, The Wrong Cop* and *The Wrong Lover,* Daniel taught at the Oregon Culinary Institute. Together they raised chickens and tended to a large vegetable garden at their suburban Portland, Ore., home, and Nancy wrote on her website that she knew her husband was "Mr. Right" when he served her hors d'oeuvres in the bathtub. "They were in love," says the couple's longtime friend Tania Medlin. "He loved his wife, and she loved him."

But Nancy, 68, also acknowledged that everything wasn't always perfect. "Like all marriages, we've had our ups and downs," she wrote on her website. And in a 2011 essay entitled "How to Murder Your Husband," she explored the various motives and methods for killing a spouse. "The thing I know about murder," she wrote, "is that every one of us has it in him/her when pushed far enough."

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LOVE & LOSS

1. The Brophys (in 2003) "loved each other," says Brophy's student Travis Richartz. 2. Daniel Brophy was killed inside the Oregon Culinary Institute on June 2, 2018. 3. Nancy Brophy at her Sept. 6 arraignment.

CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT: COURTESY BROPHY FAMILY(2); KOIN-TV; KATU-TV

Police say that moment happened for Nancy on June 2, 2018, the day 63-year-old Daniel was found shot to death with a 9-mm handgun in one of the kitchens at the culinary institute. Three months later police arrested Nancy and charged her with murder and unlawful use of a weapon. (She has pleaded not guilty and remains held without bail at the Multnomah County jail.) "Detectives believe Nancy L. Crampton-Brophy is the suspect in Daniel C. Brophy's murder," the Portland Police Department said in a brief statement following the arrest.

So far authorities have not revealed a motive or evidence in the case, and prosecutors and police declined *People*'s requests for interviews. There were no surveillance cameras at the building where Daniel was shot, and it is unclear what evidence authorities have recovered from the Brophy family home. But Nancy's own words have come under renewed scrutiny. "Murder, mayhem and gore seem to come naturally to me," she said in a 2012 interview with the blog Romancing the Genres, "which means that my husband has learned to sleep with one eye open."

Even so, friends insist such comments were only jokes, and while Nancy had long prided herself on her understanding of the criminal justice system—using that knowledge to write stories that included meticulous details about the perfect crime—it was all fiction. "She wrote about murder mysteries, and [people] are spinning it way out of control," says Medlin. "I don't believe she is capable of this. They were in love."

If Daniel Brophy was concerned about his wife's tongue-in-cheek essay, he didn't show it publicly. A well-known, respected culinary instructor, master gardener and mushroom expert, he was known for his cutting wit and his deep love for his wife, whom he jokingly referred to as "the management." "They were like an old married couple," says his student Madison Amburgy. "I thought, 'Oh, that's nice. They're sweet. They've been together for a long time, and they know each other really well. He jokes about her, and it's good.'"

Friends and family said the couple seemed happy and without outward strife. "For 30 years, as long as they were together, Nancy said, 'He makes me laugh,'" says Medlin. "She'd say, 'The true recipe to a marriage is if we can make each other laugh. And after all this time, he still does.'"

Since the murder Nancy has given no public interviews, saying only on Facebook June 3, "My husband and best friend was killed yesterday morning. I'm struggling to make sense of everything right now." Before her arrest, friends say, she was planning to move out of the home she had shared with her husband. "She said that his side of the bedroom was haunting her," says neighbor Heidi Hutchinson. "The memory of him was upsetting her, and she wanted to get out of the house."

On Sept. 6 Nancy appeared in court for her arraignment—attended by Daniel's parents, Karen and Jack Brophy, and his adult son from a previous marriage, Nathaniel Stillwater, who declined to comment for this story. While awaiting the upcoming trial, friends say they are concerned for Nancy—"She looks tired and scared," says Medlin—and still reeling from Daniel's death. "We worked side by side for eight hours before he was killed," Medlin adds. "He was a beautiful person. It is sad and heartbreaking." ●

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A Pilot's New Mission: Homes for Vets

FORMER ARMY HELICOPTER PILOT DEBORAH SNYDER AIMS TO MAKE SURE THAT NO ONE WHO SERVED THEIR COUNTRY GOES HOMELESS

A Safe Landing
Snyder at Fort Rucker in Alabama in 1988. Below: The two-family Virginia home shared by Rodriguez and Clarke. "I was at the lowest point of my life," says Clarke, who has lived in the house for six years.

Home Base
Snyder with veterans Richard Rodriguez (left, with Trip), 75, and Lloyd Clarke, 65, at the house she found for them.

When it came to finding her life's calling, former Army helicopter pilot Deborah Snyder didn't have to look very far. "Every day on my walk to work, I'd run into a veteran who was homeless," says Snyder, 53, who was then working as a civilian employee in Crystal City, Va., near the Pentagon. "So I decided to do something about it."

In 2011 Snyder founded the nonprofit Operation Renewed Hope Foundation (operationrenewedhopefoundation.org), aimed at helping destitute veterans find homes and get back on their feet. "We pay application fees, security deposits, rent and, in some cases, transportation," says Snyder, whose 30-plus staffers and volunteers have since placed more than 800 homeless veterans in the Washington, D.C., area and work closely with the Veterans Administration. "It's nice to see someone go from living in a shelter or a vehicle and see them happy."

Former Marine Christopher S.W. Quincer, 43, knows firsthand the benefits of Snyder's dedication. Plagued by crippling anxiety after returning from Bosnia in 1995, Quincer had lost his job, his home and his family when Snyder found him in a homeless shelter five years ago. "She got me into housing and paid my first six months' rent," says Quincer, who has since reunited with his family and now owns his own trash-removal and construction company thanks to Snyder's support. "Deborah really cares," he says, "and she gets involved."

Snyder—who lives in Alexandria, Va., with husband Donald and children Thomas, 13, and Summer, 11—now has plans to turn a former assisted-living facility into veteran housing. "I don't think we should have homeless vets," she says. "It's a fixable problem. I'd like to help a lot more."

—**SUSAN KEATING**

TOP RIGHT: COURTESY OPERATION RENEWED HOPE FOUNDATION

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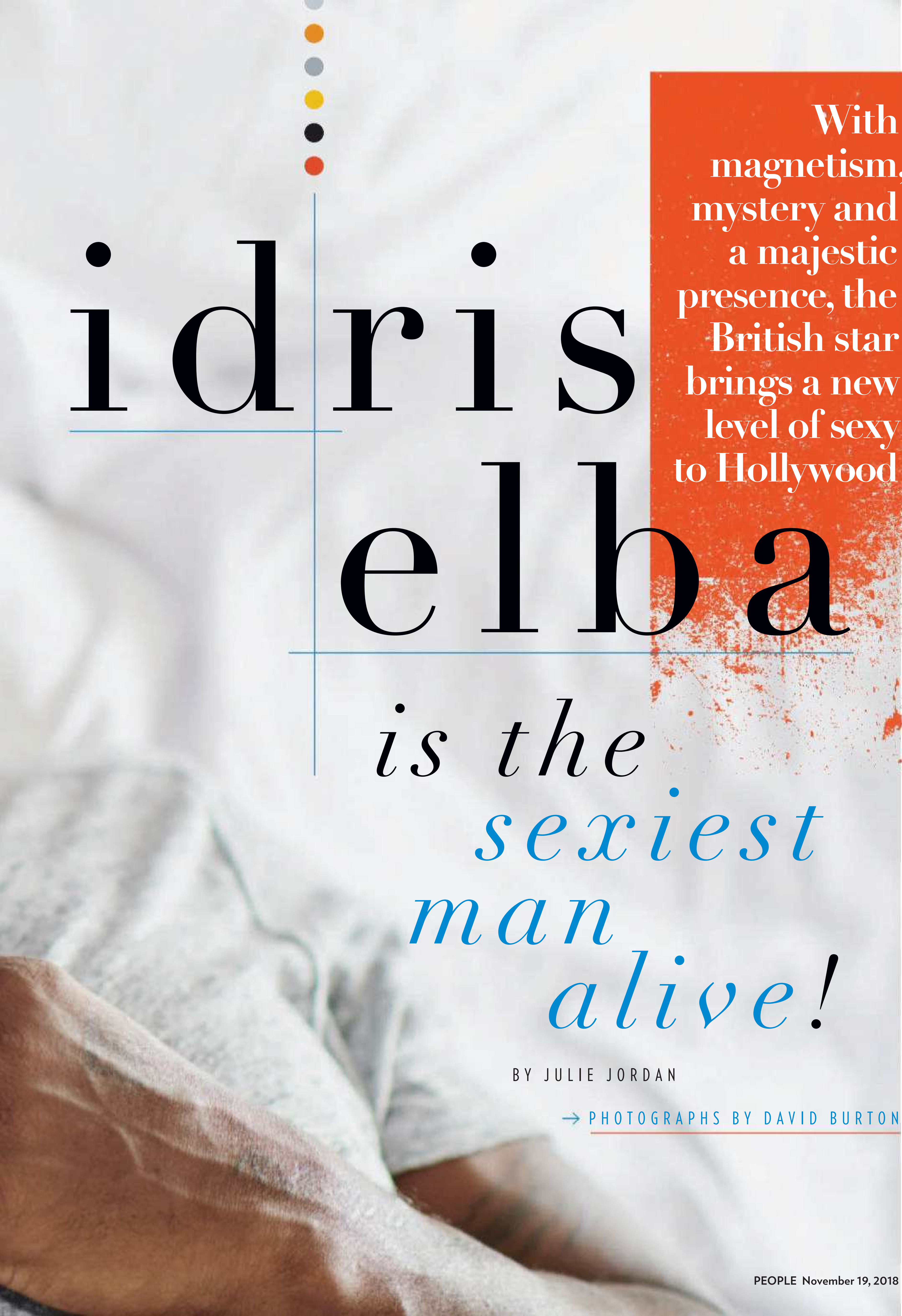

idris elba is the *sexiest man alive!*

With magnetism, mystery and a majestic presence, the British star brings a new level of sexy to Hollywood

BY JULIE JORDAN

→ PHOTOGRAPHS BY DAVID BURTON

His name inspires superlatives. He's been called "the best version of masculinity" by one studio exec, he has enough charisma to fill "a planet, probably," according to director Jon Favreau, and he's a fan favorite to be the next James Bond. But today British heartthrob Idris Elba is just a playful dad. Arriving at his cover shoot on Oct. 12 in London, where he's filming the *Fast & Furious* spinoff *Hobbs & Shaw* (with former Sexiest Man Alive Dwayne Johnson), the lean, 6′3″ Elba is being trailed by an adorable pint-size version of himself, his 4-year-old son Winston. As a father, "I'm super-doting. Big hugs, kisses, lots of love-yous," says the actor, 46, who also has a daughter, Isan, 16 (both from past relationships). "I'm sure she's like, 'All right, Dad, chill out.' My son is still at that age where he loves a cuddle." Can anyone blame him? When he's not being one of Hollywood's hottest stars, Elba might be professionally kickboxing in Thailand or deejaying in Ibiza or designing his own clothes, not to mention planning his wedding to model Sabrina Dhowre, to whom he proposed in February. But picking the happiest moment of his life is easy: "Being witness to the birth of

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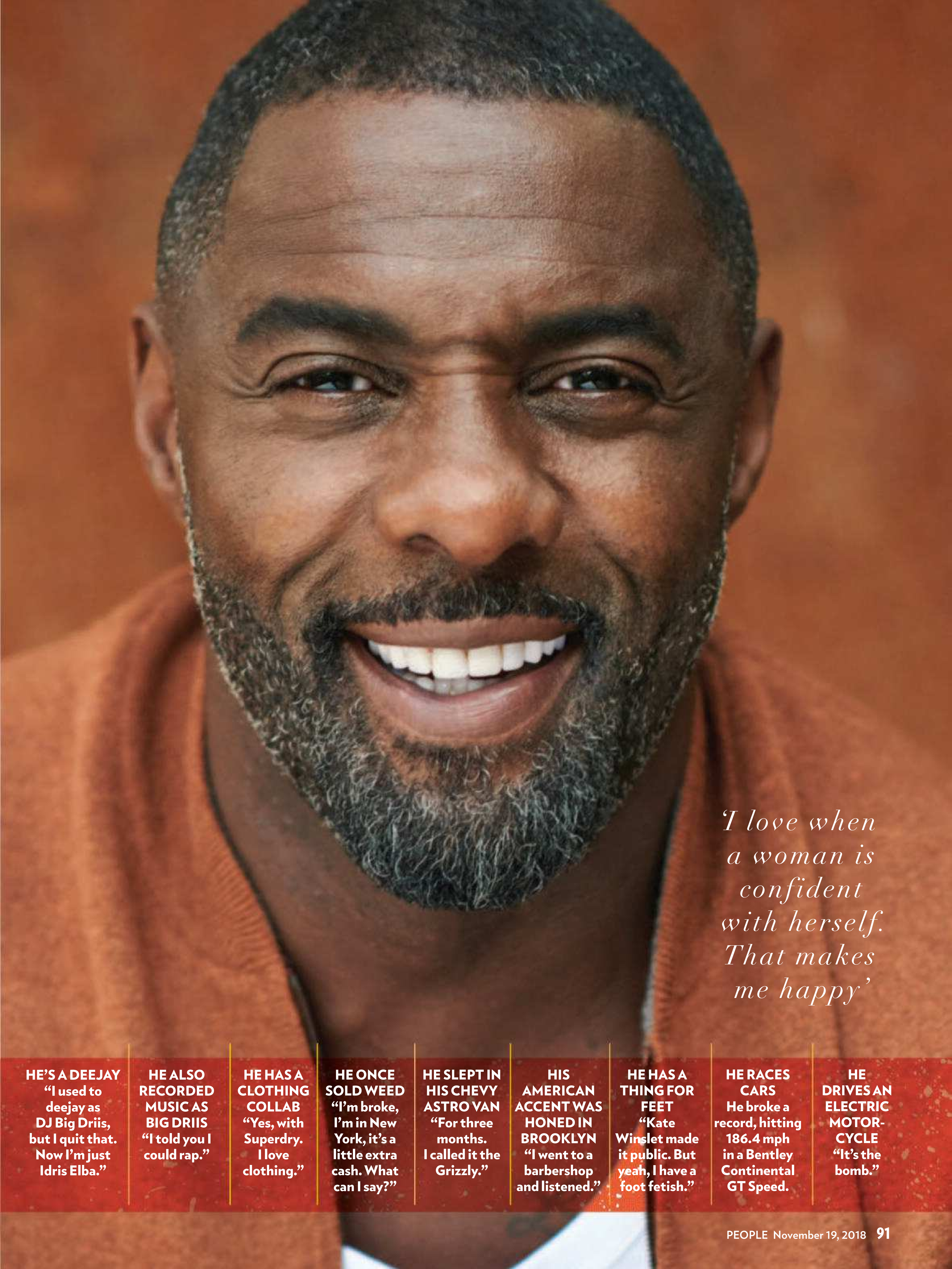
INTERNATIONAL MAN of MYSTERY

10 Things to Know About Idris

HE'S A PRO KICKBOXER

"And undefeated, just to put that out there."



> *'I love when a woman is confident with herself. That makes me happy'*

HE'S A DEEJAY "I used to deejay as DJ Big Driis, but I quit that. Now I'm just Idris Elba."

HE ALSO RECORDED MUSIC AS BIG DRIIS "I told you I could rap."

HE HAS A CLOTHING COLLAB "Yes, with Superdry. I love clothing."

HE ONCE SOLD WEED "I'm broke, I'm in New York, it's a little extra cash. What can I say?"

HE SLEPT IN HIS CHEVY ASTRO VAN "For three months. I called it the Grizzly."

HIS AMERICAN ACCENT WAS HONED IN BROOKLYN "I went to a barbershop and listened."

HE HAS A THING FOR FEET "Kate Winslet made it public. But yeah, I have a foot fetish."

HE RACES CARS He broke a record, hitting 186.4 mph in a Bentley Continental GT Speed.

HE DRIVES AN ELECTRIC MOTORCYCLE "It's the bomb."

DADDY'S BOY
"People think I'm American," says Elba (at age 3 with his dad, Winston), who named his own son after his father. "But I'm born and raised in England."

TURNTABLE KING
Deejaying, says the actor (with DJ D-Nice in N.Y.C. in 2009), "is a way of staying grounded."

COOL CRIMINAL
The actor made a name for himself playing drug kingpin Russell "Stringer" Bell in HBO's hit series *The Wire*.

NORSE GOD
Elba portrayed Asgardian gatekeeper Heimdall in Marvel's *Thor* franchise.

WEDDING ROYALTY
"It was very special," says Elba of attending the wedding of his friends Prince Harry and Meghan Markle with his fiancée, Sabrina Dhowre.

HIS *first* TIME

FIRST WORD
"My dad said it was 'shut up.' He was trying to get me to speak by holding my food up high."

FIRST KISS
"Probably when I was about 10? At a wedding, I was deejaying with my uncle, and one of the junior bridesmaids kissed me on the lips."

FIRST GIRLFRIEND
"Yeah, my first real girlfriend was probably when I was 14. Her name was Judith."

FIRST NICKNAME
"My mom calls me Idrico!"

FIRST CAR
"It was a Mini. A Mini Cooper."

FIRST ACTING JOB
"It was an infomercial for people getting their bikes stolen."

my children," he says, "was the biggest and best thing ever."

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What went through your mind when you first heard you were being crowned the Sexiest Man Alive?
I was like, "Come on, no way. Really?" Looked in the mirror, checked myself out, 'Yeah, you're kind of sexy today' [*laughs*]. It was a nice surprise—an ego boost for sure.

You grew up as the son of African immigrants in East London. How would you describe your childhood?
I'm an only child. I was a good kid, but my parents were quite strict. When I was like 14, as soon as I grew a mustache, basically, I was out of there.

And your teenage years?
I went to a boys' school, and that was a culture shock. It was lots of bravado, machismo, who's bigger than who. I played football, basketball, cricket, hockey, rugby. I was a C or B student. I couldn't sit in a classroom for long periods of time. I'd get bored.

Did you ever have an awkward phase?
Yeah, prior to high school I was very tall and skinny. And my name is Idrissa Akuna Elba, okay? I got picked on. But again, as soon as I could grow a mustache, I was the coolest kid on the block. Grew a mustache, had some muscles, bonkers.

Those who know you say you make a person feel like they are the only one in a room. How do you draw them in?
Eye contact and empathy, you know, reading someone's vibe. I love being confident, but also I know when to rein it in and just stay humble and grounded. When I meet someone, I can sort of read which part of me they want to see—if they want to see that guy on TV. And sometimes that's not you in real life.

You've also admitted in interviews that you can be "naughty."
[*Laughs*] I told you my parents were strict, so there's a rebellious side to me. I have a little bit of an issue with authority sometimes. I'm the guy that, if it says "Don't push the button," [*whispers*] I'm gonna push

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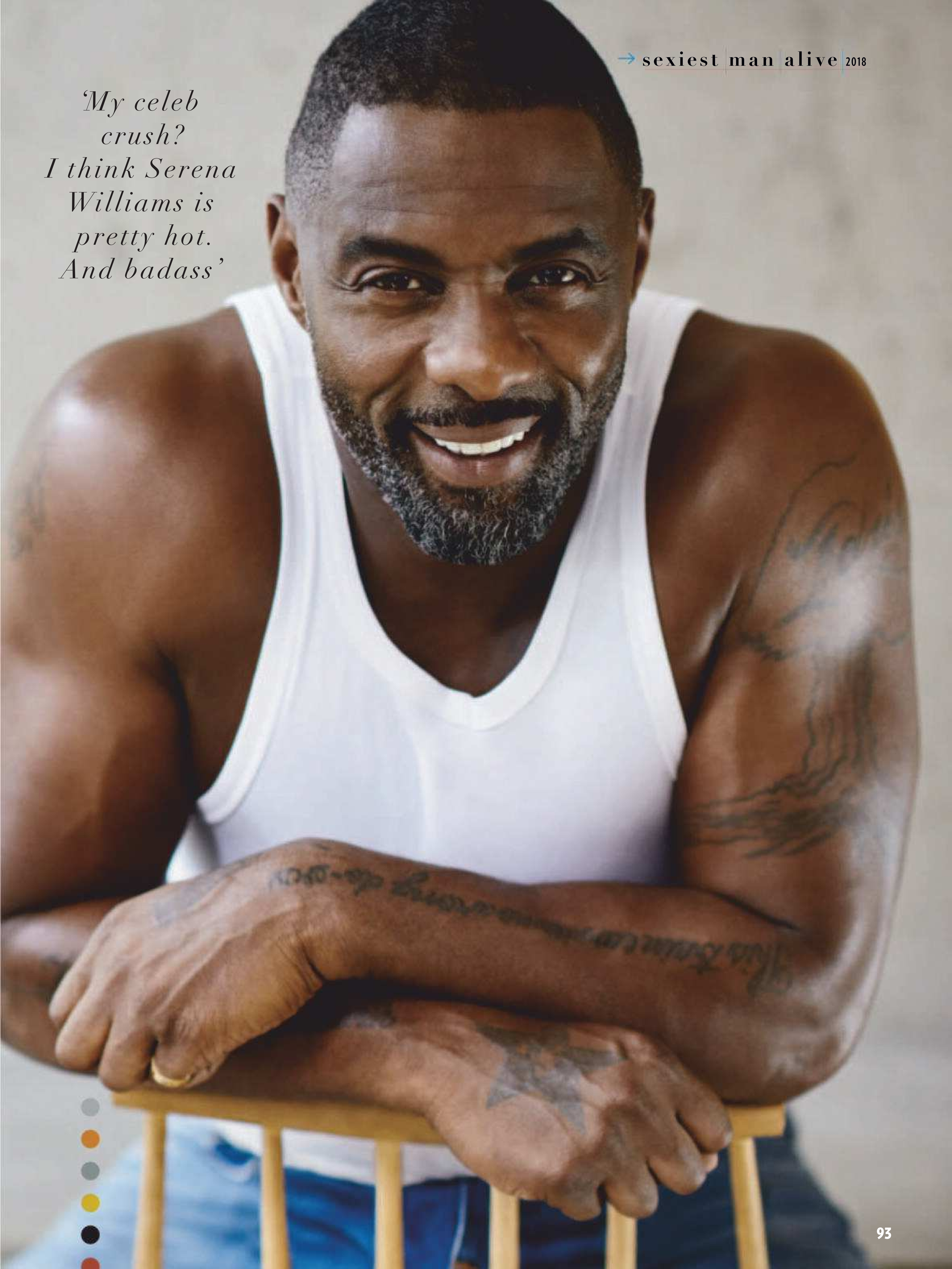

'My celeb crush? I think Serena Williams is pretty hot. And badass'

it. I think I'm curious. Not in a risky way, just, like, what would happen if?

What's your biggest vice?
Whiskey might be a vice. It's a slippery slope, because it's a very pungent alcohol. When it comes to food, I could eat meat. A lot. Like steak.

You have 10 tattoos now. What do they mean to you?
They're moments in my life. I have my kids' names and symbols of my culture, being half Sierra Leonean and Ghanaian. I have a line from one of my favorite songs, "This train carries no wrongdoers." It's an idea that you can carry negativity or drop it off at the station and keep going.

Have you ever failed at anything?
I've failed at a lot of things. But I keep going until I do it.

What's your favorite time of day?
Around 8 o'clock in the evening. Not quite bedtime, just had dinner. I usually go to bed at 1 o'clock, so I'll watch movies, make music, catch up with my family. It's a nice quiet time.

What do you wear around the house?
Sweats, slides, no shirt, just chilling.

And to sleep?
My birthday suit. It's the free one that everyone gets. And I love it.

How do you think a man should dress?
No. 1, be comfortable. Don't wear shoes that pinch you. Don't wear clothes that restrict your movements. When I moved to America in the late '90s, I used to wear skinny jeans. And people were like, "Old English, what are you doing?" But when I wore baggy jeans, I didn't feel comfortable. So I just wore mine, and it helped my swag.

Do you have any secret talents?
You wouldn't know it, but I can rap. I learned to play drums when I was 10. I can do about 60 keep-ups in soccer. I'm a decent cook, believe it or not.

You also have a house in France. Do you speak fluent French?
I don't, no. It's something I definitely want to do. I love my little place there. Plus French is very sexy. [*He uses an accent*] The rest of this interview will be done in the Parisian accent, just for giggles, okay?

'I am the guy who used to put Vaseline in his hair. Now I dabble in more sophisticated products'

Perfect! So what's one of the most romantic things you've ever done? Probably proposing to my fiancée, Sabrina. It was the most nerve-racking thing for me *ever*. I was going to do it on Valentine's Day, but that was going to be problematic, so it was a bit spontaneous at a screening for my film *Yardie*.

How did you know she was *the one*? She makes me laugh, and we share common goals. We have good chemistry. She makes me happy. She makes me celebrate my successes, and when I'm not too sure about stuff, she makes me think.

Are you involved in wedding plans? We are planning it together. It's a special day, but we both have our own ideas. I want about 19 deejays. There have to be, c'mon!

How are you handy around the house? I can load the dishwasher. I'm not the Ikea guy with the screwdriver, but I like to keep a clean place, even though I do throw my clothes about.

You're in amazing shape. What's your workout routine like? It varies. I wake up in the morning, do 50 press-ups. If I'm working, there's no time, but I like riding my bike. Fight training keeps me fit, but I'm really not a gym rat.

Is there a hobby you wish you had? I started being self-taught at guitar, and then I put it down. I loved it. I think I'll pick it back up.

Any other regrets? No, life isn't about thinking about what you should have done. I think everyone should adopt the philosophy that tomorrow is not promised, so just go for it today, man. You might as well do it to your heart's content.

THIS *or* THAT?

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PDA or BEHIND CLOSED DOORS?
"A little bit of PDA like kissing is quite a nice thing to happen to you."

STAY FRIENDS or STAY AWAY?
"It's complicated to stay friends. It would be nice if you could, definitely. I'm up for that."

BEER or CHAMPAGNE?
"Champers. But my go-to is Black and Coke. I kind of like the chocolate box of whiskeys."

JUST FOR MEN or SALT AND PEPPER?
[*Laughs*] "Salt and pepper. Duh. Clearly."

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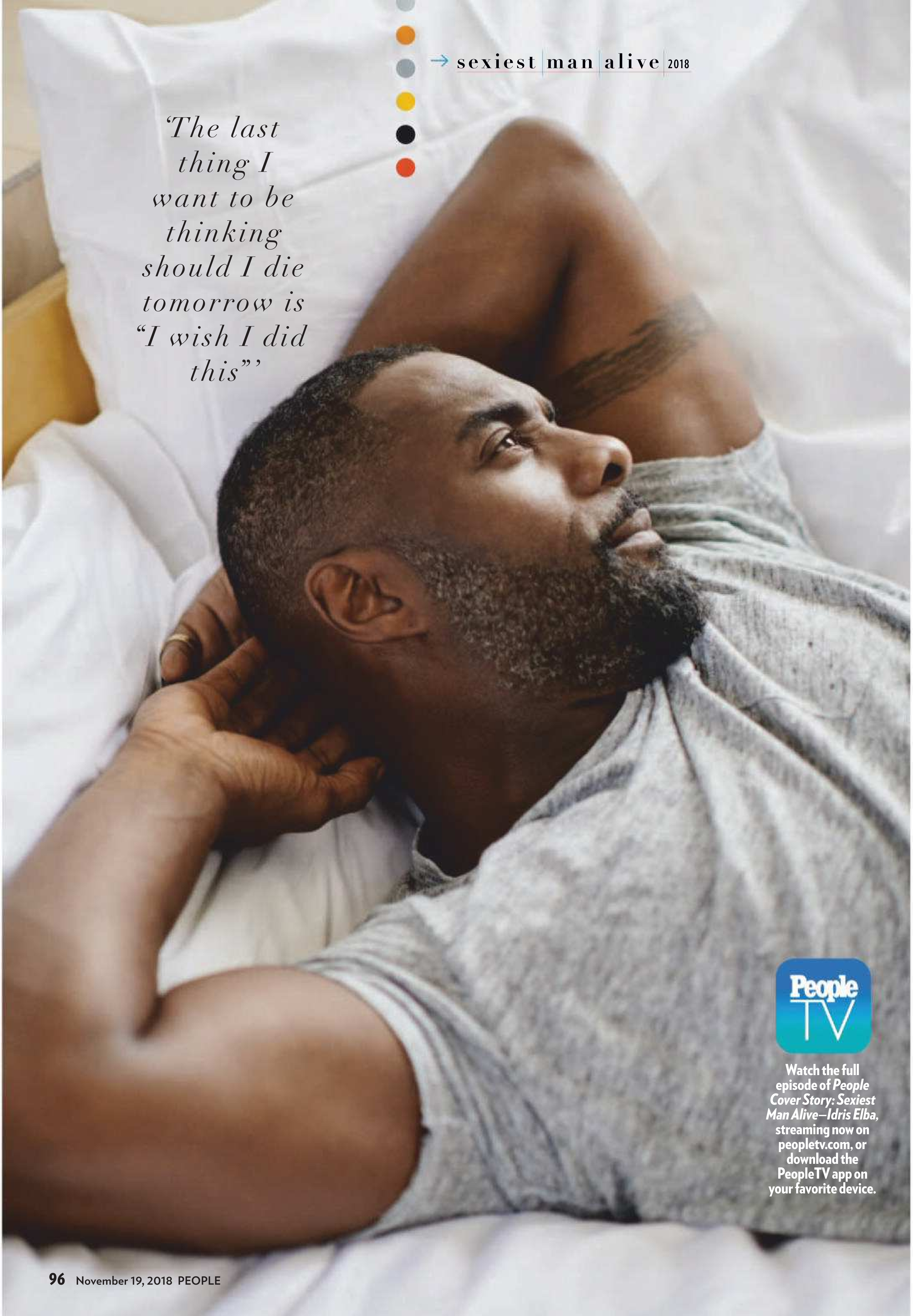

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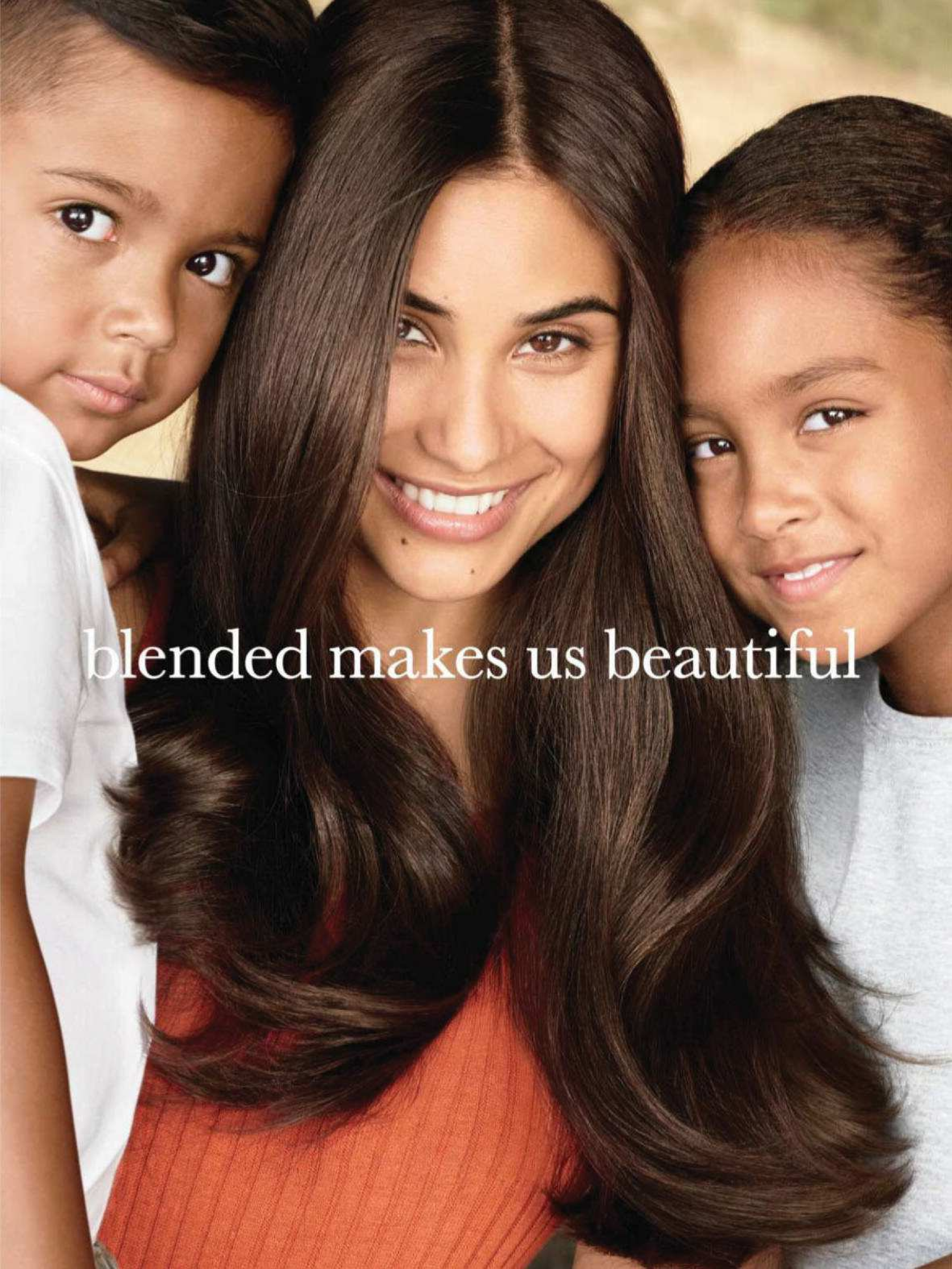
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JOHN KRASINSKI, 39

SEXIEST MAN OF ACTION

You probably used to think of Krasinski as that sorta-heartthrob from *The Office*. Not after 2018: He became the new epitome of the strong, silent type as director-star of the near-wordless horror hit *A Quiet Place*. On Amazon he resurrected the ultimate man-with-a-mission as Tom Clancy's Jack Ryan. To him it was all just gravy: "There's nothing you can complain about in this business, you know what I mean?" Humble too! Sigh.

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BRADLEY COOPER, 43

SEXIEST TRIPLE THREAT

The actor could very well storm the Oscars with his multiple-hyphenated credits for *A Star Is Born*, a surprise smash that's been embraced both by critics and sobbing audiences. He's the star, director (first time!) and writer, plus he sings in a country-rocker growl that's close to a come-on. And don't overlook the fact that he cast Lady Gaga—and made *her* a movie star. The film's hit song is "Shallow," but this is one deep dude.

Noah Centineo, 22

SEXIEST RISING STAR

Centineo's portrayal of a dreamy jock in both *To All the Boys I've Loved Before* and *Sierra Burgess Is a Loser* cemented him as the Internet's new crush. But, he says, in high school, "I wasn't the jock, I kind of sat in the back of class and would sleep or crack jokes." However, the currently single Centineo adds, when it comes to dating, "I literally worship my partner. When you appreciate someone, then it's really hard to hurt them."

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CRAIG MELVIN, 39

SEXIEST MORNING PERSON

The journalist, who became *Today*'s news anchor in September, wasn't always making hearts throb before 8 a.m. In school he was mocked for his single cheek dimple. "My nickname was Uni-dimp," he says. The trait is genetic, and his 2-year-old daughter Sybil, he notes, "has two. I'm quite envious."

Chadwick Boseman, 40

SEXIEST SUPERHERO

If Black Panther's appearance at the end of 2016's *Captain America: Civil War* was a wow moment, the black superhero's arrival in his own blockbuster—a breakthrough for Marvel, Hollywood and, of course, Boseman—was even more exciting. *Ka*-pow! Boseman loved suiting up in Panther's muscular armor. "You get lost in it," he says "You actually believe it." So did America.

Henry Golding, 31

SEXIEST PRINCE CHARMING

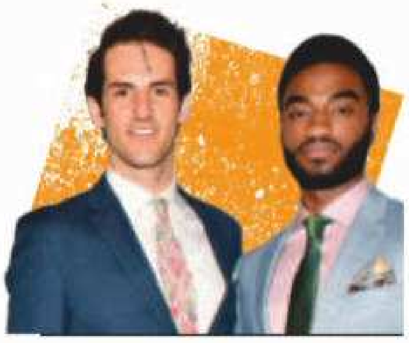
The wonderful thing about fairy tales is how suddenly happily-ever-after arrives: The British-Malaysian actor had been a hairstylist and travel-show host before he was cast as Singapore's most eligible bachelor—dreamily handsome, soaked in money and *nice,* to boot—in the romantic smash *Crazy Rich Asians*. Hello, global heartthrob! "I'm not going to lie," he says of overnight stardom. "It's pretty nice."

ZACHARY LEVI, 38

The *Shazam!* star, who's joining *The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel,* hopes to "have a family. Build a film studio. Travel in space."

RICKY MARTIN, 46

He says his husband, Jwan Yosef, and their 10-year-old twins "are the reason I enjoy waking up every morning."



THE MEN OF *FROZEN*

"I'm popular with the moms," says John Riddle (left), 29, who plays Hans in *Frozen* on Broadway. "We all love the bad boy." Jelani Alladin, 26, who plays Kristoff, says fans ask for skin-care tips. "I shower, put lotion on my face and walk out. That's it."

OLIVER JACKSON-COHEN, 32

It's "freeing disappearing from the world and being someone else for a while," said *The Haunting of Hill House* actor.

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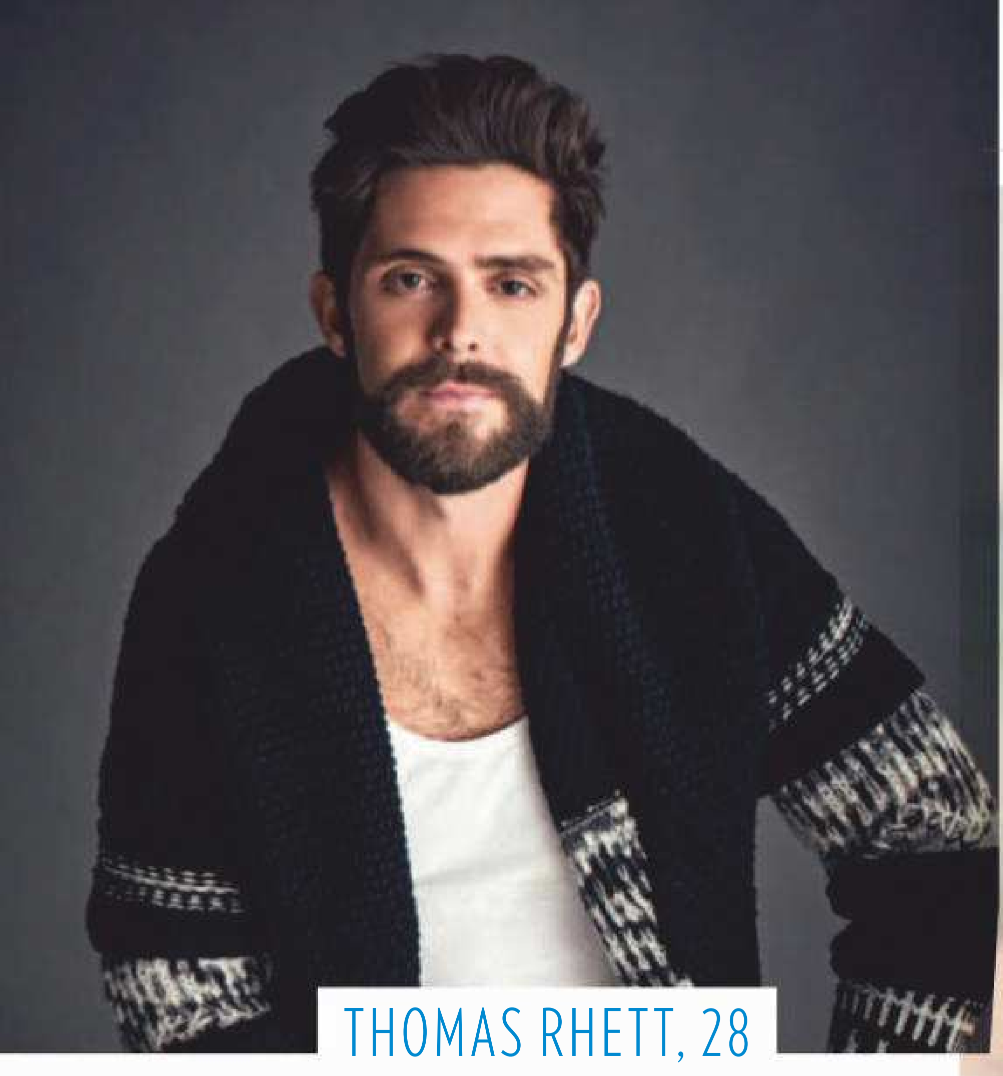


THOMAS RHETT, 28

SEXIEST COUNTRY STAR

The "Life Changes" singer and dad of two daughters with his wife, Lauren, cherishes family life. "I take pride in trying to understand my wife and my kids, what makes them laugh, what makes them cry, what makes them happy, what makes them sad. I try to make sure I'm the best husband and dad I can possibly be."

Penn Badgley, 32

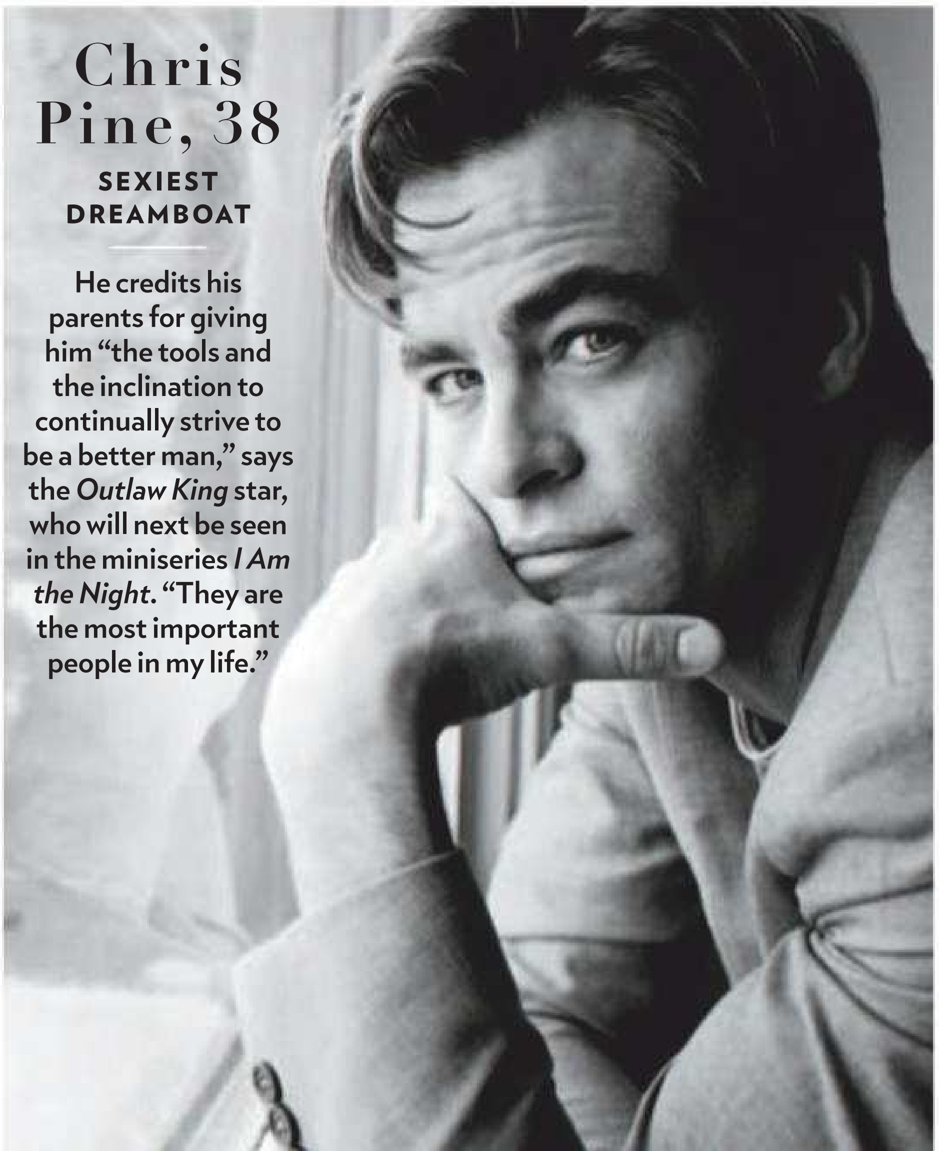
SEXIEST COMEBACK

"I tend to look young, and I'm fine with that," says the former *Gossip Girl* heartthrob. But Badgley, who stars in Lifetime's *You,* is also not afraid of seeing a few gray hairs. "I can't imagine dyeing it, unless it's really necessary for a role. I appreciate age and maturity."

Hasan Minhaj, 33

SEXIEST GROUNDBREAKER

The *Daily Show* alum is making a name for himself as the first Indian-American host of a satirical news show with Netflix's *Patriot Act.* But his favorite thing to do? "Make my daughter and wife laugh."



Chris Pine, 38

SEXIEST DREAMBOAT

He credits his parents for giving him "the tools and the inclination to continually strive to be a better man," says the *Outlaw King* star, who will next be seen in the miniseries *I Am the Night*. "They are the most important people in my life."

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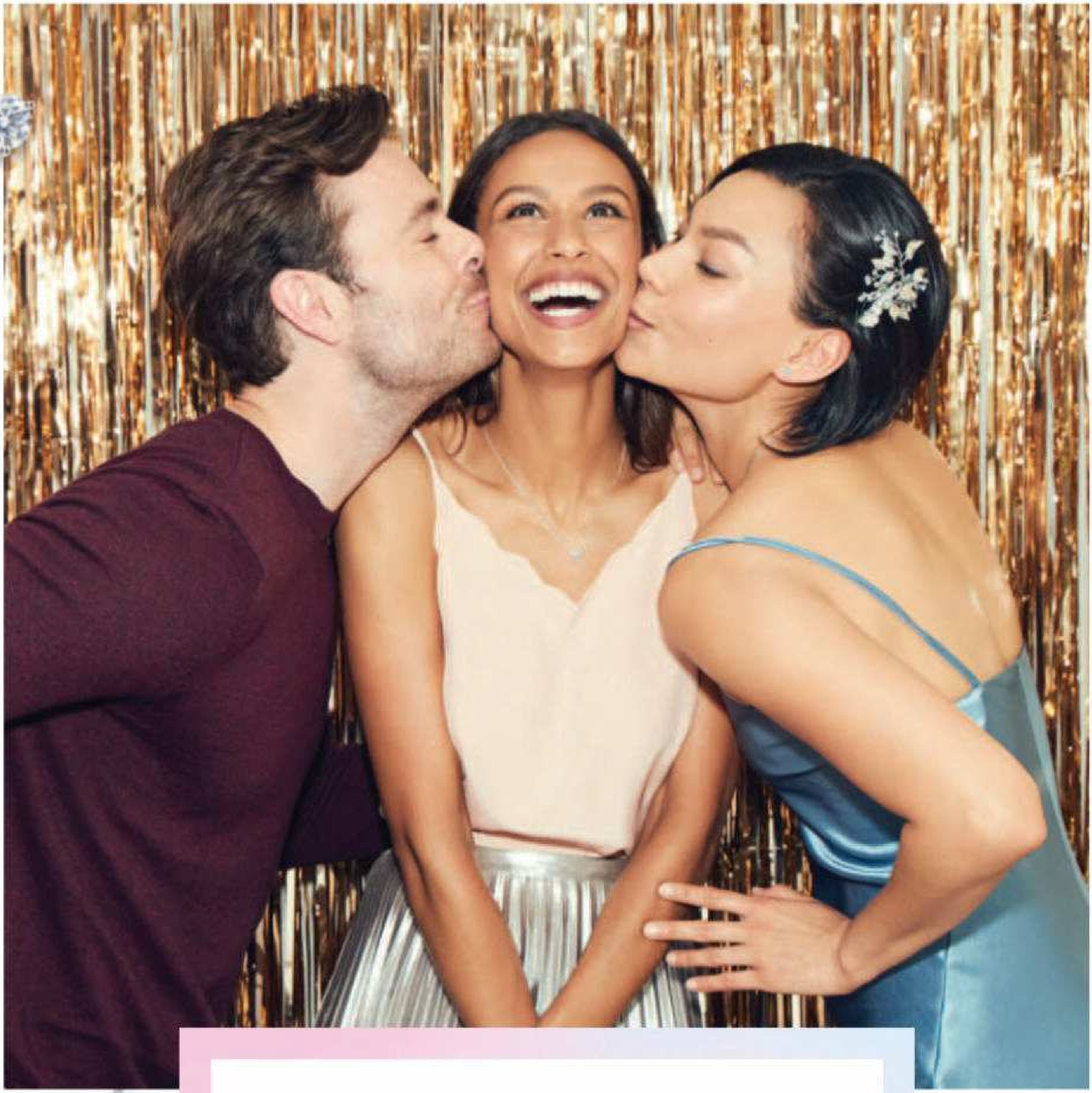

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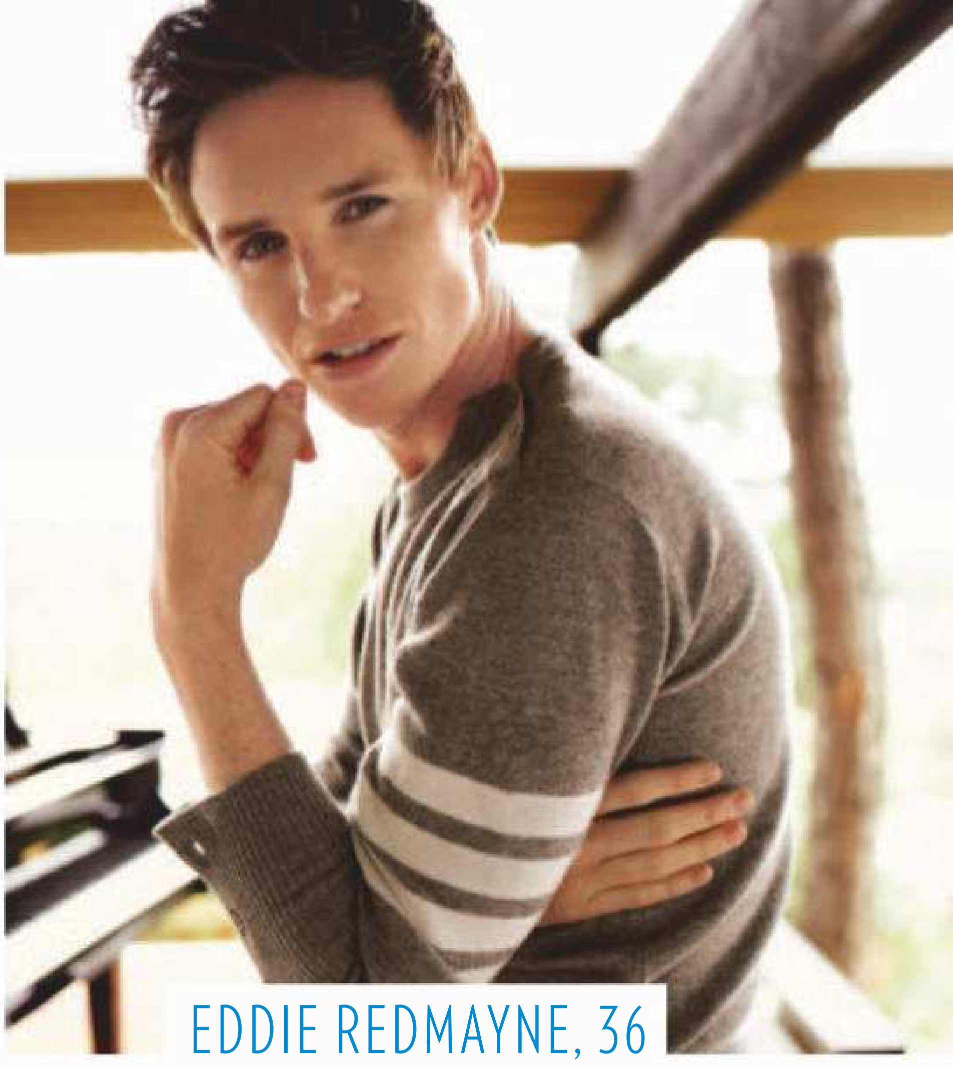
Josh Dallas, 39

SEXIEST THRILL-SEEKER

The NBC *Manifest* star would love to take up skydiving but isn't sure his wife, actress Ginnifer Goodwin, "is going to let me do that," he says, laughing. "She has said, 'Well you can do it but don't tell me.' So, you know, as long as I don't die, we're good."



EDDIE REDMAYNE, 36

SEXIEST NICE GUY

If he weren't acting, the *Fantastic Beasts: The Crimes of Grindelwald* star insists he'd be "a not-particularly-good piano man." Now the father of Iris and Luke, with his wife, Hannah, takes most pride in his "2-year-old when I see her randomly making her little brother laugh."

Sterling K. Brown, 42

SEXIEST TV DAD

The *This Is Us* star, father of two sons and husband to actress Ryan Michelle Bathe, insists it's difficult "to embarrass me or make me nervous, because I'm very comfortable with looking silly." It also helps with his beloved portrayal of Randall Pearson on NBC's hit show. "There's something fun about being free," he adds. "I kind of revel in being corny."

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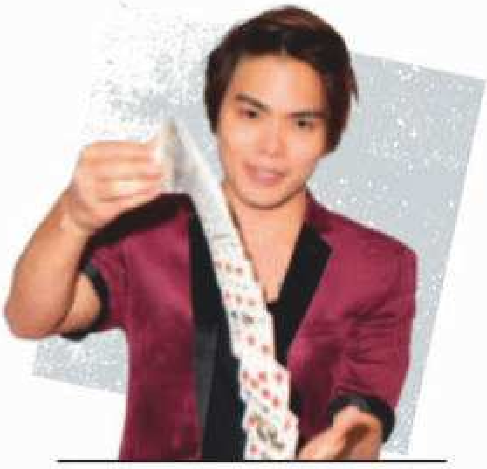


SHIN LIM, 27

"Magic is nerdy, but it's a great way to connect with people," says the *America's Got Talent* winner, whom Tyra Banks called Sexiest Magician on the Planet.

JOHN DAVID WASHINGTON, 34

Denzel is his dad, but the *BlacKkKlansman* star also praises his mom, Pauletta. "I learned a lot from her," he says.

TROYE SIVAN, 23

The Aussie singer's sexy *Bloom* LP cemented him as a gay icon. "Thankfully my parents don't really listen to lyrics," he jokes.

ARI'EL STACHEL, 27

"Kids tell me that my own greatest obstacle [embracing his Middle Eastern heritage] has changed their lives," says the Tony winner for *The Band's Visit.*

HUGH GRANT, 58

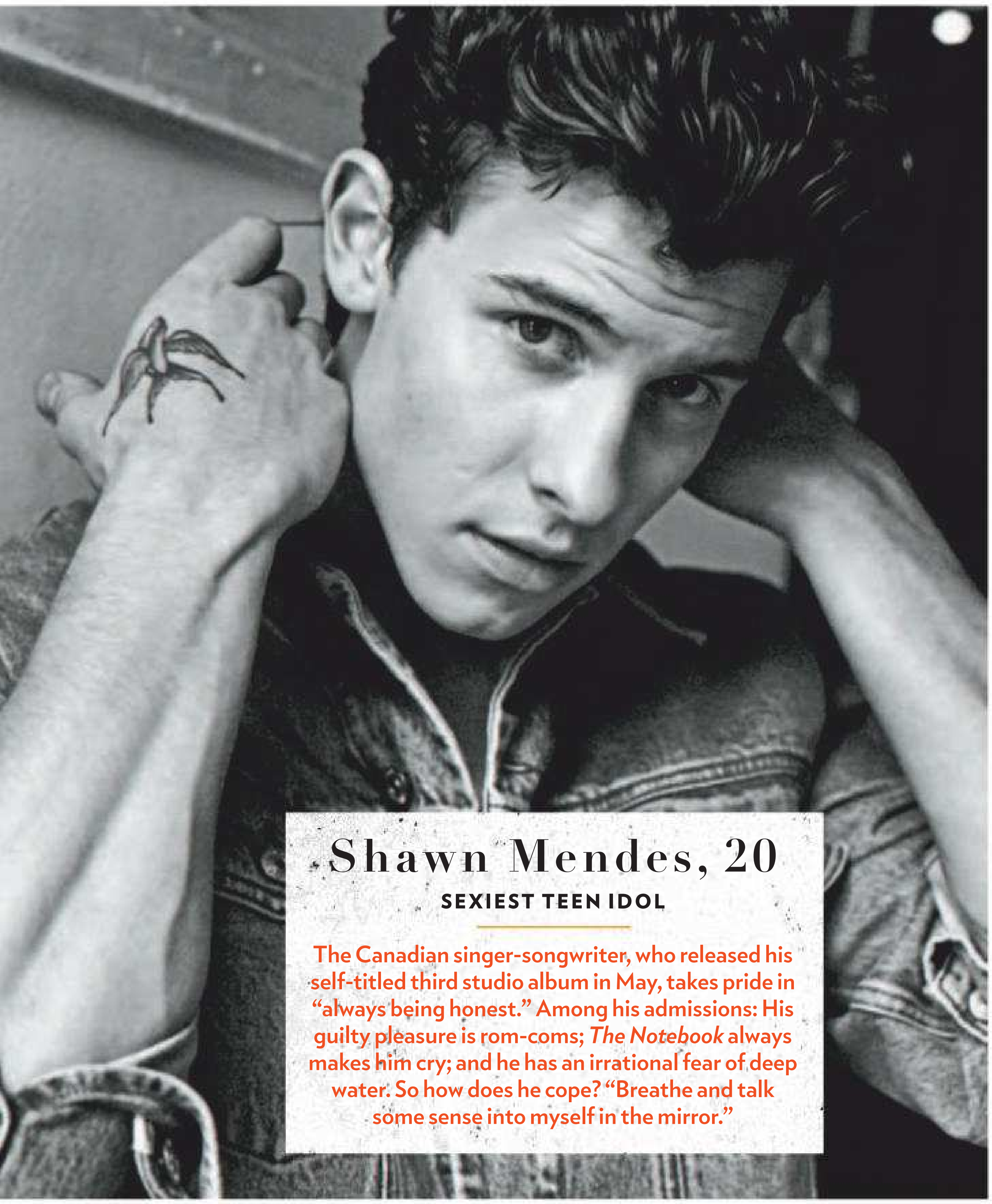
SEXIEST RASCAL

So how has being a father of five changed the actor? "I used to wear Richard James suits and ties by Charvet of Paris," says the star of Amazon Prime's *A Very English Scandal*. "Now I wear milk and saliva." His guilty pleasure? "Wearing calf-length socks with my golf shorts and feeling slightly sexy."

Tom Ellis, 40

SEXIEST DEVIL

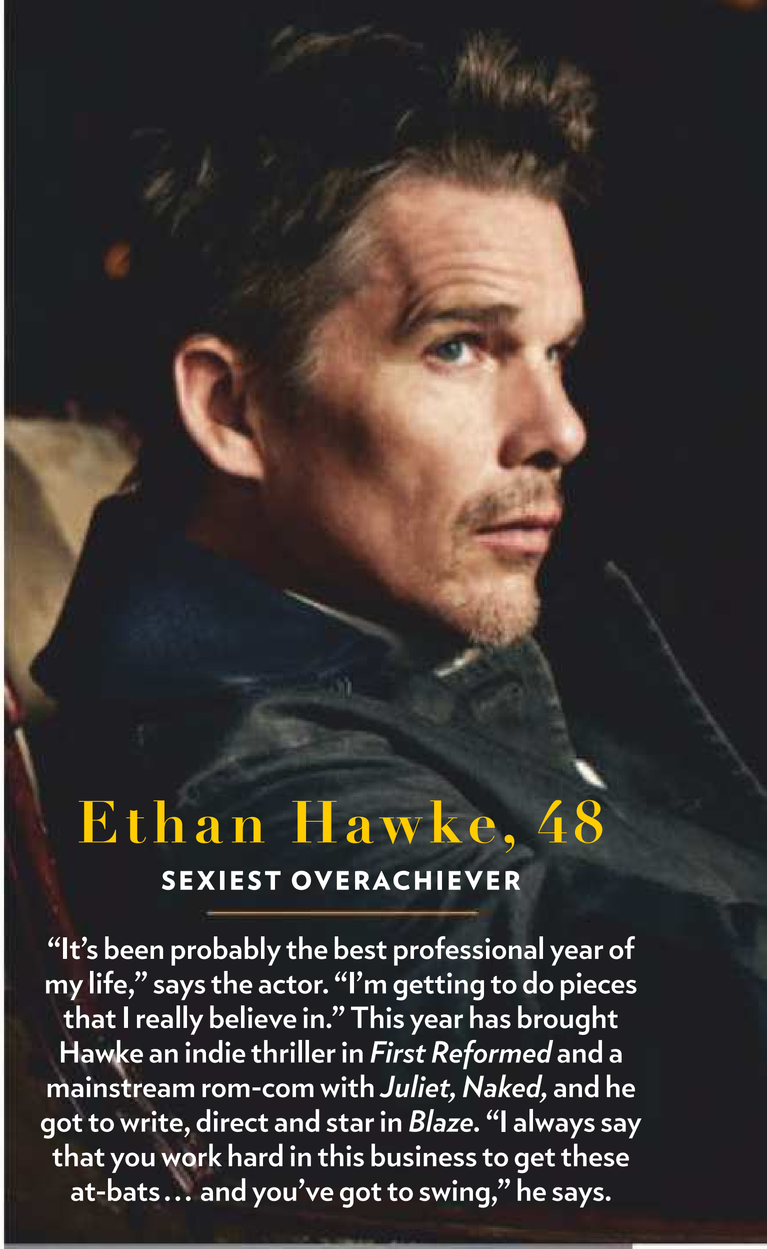
When *Lucifer's* fourth season premieres on Netflix, fans will see more of the actor than ever before, including "multiple bum shots." But the only thing that makes him nervous is "the current state of the world. And heights."



Shawn Mendes, 20

SEXIEST TEEN IDOL

The Canadian singer-songwriter, who released his self-titled third studio album in May, takes pride in "always being honest." Among his admissions: His guilty pleasure is rom-coms; *The Notebook* always makes him cry; and he has an irrational fear of deep water. So how does he cope? "Breathe and talk some sense into myself in the mirror."



Ethan Hawke, 48

SEXIEST OVERACHIEVER

"It's been probably the best professional year of my life," says the actor. "I'm getting to do pieces that I really believe in." This year has brought Hawke an indie thriller in *First Reformed* and a mainstream rom-com with *Juliet, Naked,* and he got to write, direct and star in *Blaze*. "I always say that you work hard in this business to get these at-bats… and you've got to swing," he says.

JIMMY KIMMEL, 51

SEXIEST LATE-NIGHT HOST

The apples didn't fall far from the tree for the late-night host. "I have four children, two adults and two little ones, and each of them is funny," he says. "They always find a way to remind me that there is far more good than bad."

CHRISTIAN SLATER, 49

SEXIEST ROGUE

The *Wife* star relishes time with family (while watching *Bachelor in Paradise*) and has taken up boxing. "It's brutal, but then I can't believe I've made it the full hour," he says. Anything left on his bucket list? "Just be part of the *Star Wars* franchise!"

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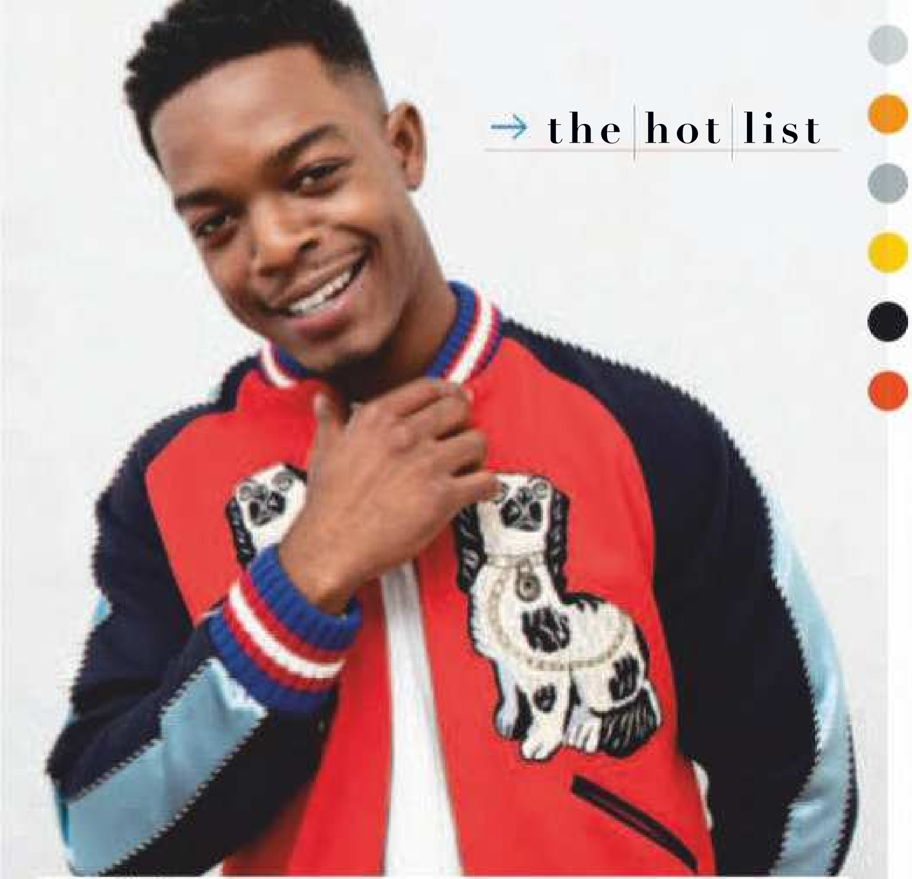

Stephan James, 24

SEXIEST NEWCOMER

Roles in *Homecoming* (with Julia Roberts) and *If Beale Street Could Talk* (directed by Barry Jenkins) keep the Toronto-raised actor around starry talent, but his ego has stayed in check. "No one treats me special or any different," James says. "I'm still my momma's baby."

PAUL RUDD, 49

SEXIEST CROWD PLEASER

The *Ant-Man and the Wasp* star knows exactly what he'd be doing if he wasn't an actor. "Eating carbs," says the father of two. As for any advice he'd give to his 13-year-old self, Rudd knows unequivocally: "Invest in Apple."

Prince Harry, 34

SEXIEST ROYAL

The Duke of Sussex is hitting his stride as a new husband—"the best ever"—according to Meghan Markle. The dad-to-be (he's hoping for a girl) wears his heart on his sleeve and embraces PDA with his wife, who says he's a "feminist too." As if you needed another reason to love him!

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David Muir, 45

SEXIEST ANCHORMAN

The ABC *World News Tonight* newscaster admits he was "always a determined but worried boy" growing up in Syracuse. Now "I write back to kids who reach out. You have to turn around and help the next person."

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"I think being humble about yourself is attractive," says Maldonado (photographed on Nov. 1 in New York City).

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LOUIS MALDONADO IS HEATING THINGS UP—IN AND OUT OF THE KITCHEN

LOUIS MALDONADO, 37

He earned a Michelin star at age 26, battled his way to the final four of *Top Chef* season 11 and holds a fifth-degree black belt in martial arts, but receiving the title of Sexiest Chef Alive (chosen by *People* editors and revealed on a Food Network special) still came as a surprise to Maldonado—though not to his parents. "They joke with me, saying, 'You got those genetics from us—we're the good-looking ones!' " he says with a laugh. That's not all he inherited. "I'm half Mexican, half Italian. In my family food came from the heart, and I carry that with me when I cook today." Preparing to open a new Mexican-Moroccan restaurant next spring in his native San Francisco, the hotly anticipated Amara, requires him to work long days. But life at home with his pastry chef wife, Annemarie, his son from a previous relationship and his stepdaughter takes on a different rhythm: "I'm just the guy who has to get dinner on the table because everyone is hungry!"

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MIKHAIL VARSHAVSKI, 29
SEXIEST DOCTOR 2015

Varshavski, who practices at Overlook Medical Center in Summit, N.J., says his social media presence increased to more than 6 million followers. He also started his own YouTube channel called Doctor Mike, where he covers topics like hypertension and the keto diet. "It's a great way to make medicine more interesting and more reachable."

Evan Antin, 33

SEXIEST VETERINARIAN 2014

Antin treats animals at the Conejo Valley Veterinary Hospital and works with wildlife, like endangered crocodilians. "I went viral on Instagram, and that's given me so much opportunity," he says. His own line of dog-grooming products, called Happy Pet, is now available at Petco. "It's all-natural ingredients that are safe and clean but also effective at getting the job done," he says.

TERRANCE HAYES, 46
SEXIEST WRITER 2014

The MacArthur Foundation Genius Grant winner says he likes to keep a "pretty low profile," but his talent still shines. In the last four years he has been named a creative-writing professor at New York University and has published two books: *American Sonnets for My Past and Future Assassin* and *To Float in the Space Between.*

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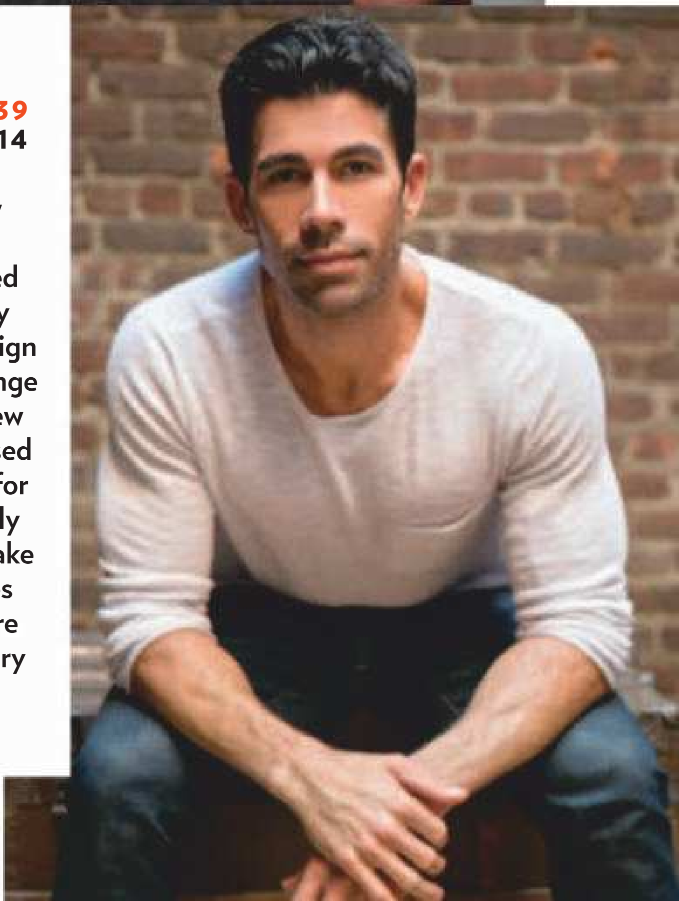
NICHOLAS FERRONI, 39
SEXIEST TEACHER 2014

"I believe in leading by example," says the New Jersey history teacher, who has since been named Upstander of the Year by the Human Rights Campaign and the Champion of Change by the United Nations New York Chapter. "I've also used my platform to advocate for teachers." Ferroni recently teamed up with SoulPancake to produce a digital series called *Field Tripped,* where he teaches students history lessons by re-creating similar scenarios.



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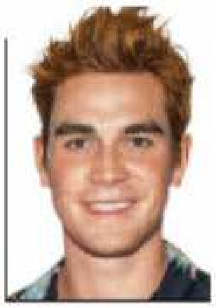
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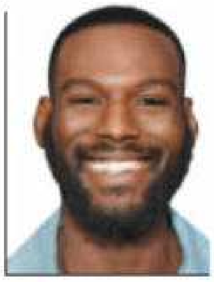
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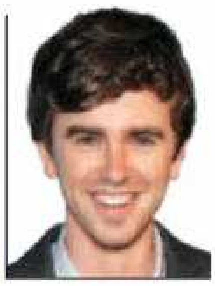
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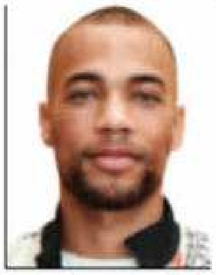
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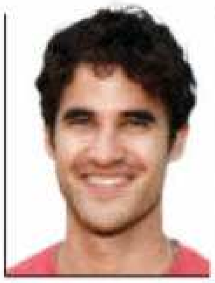
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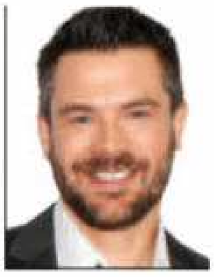
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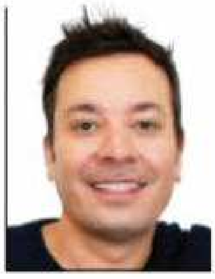
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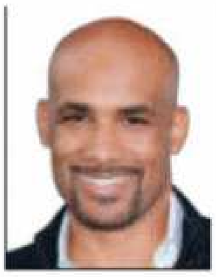
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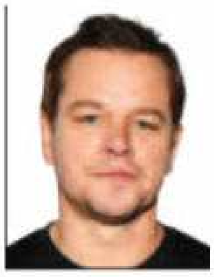
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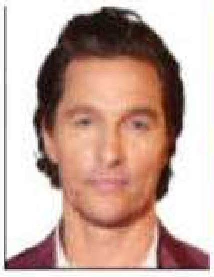
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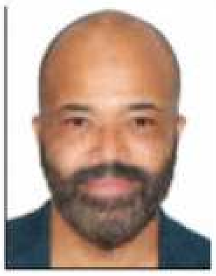
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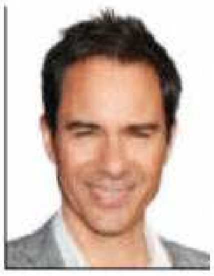
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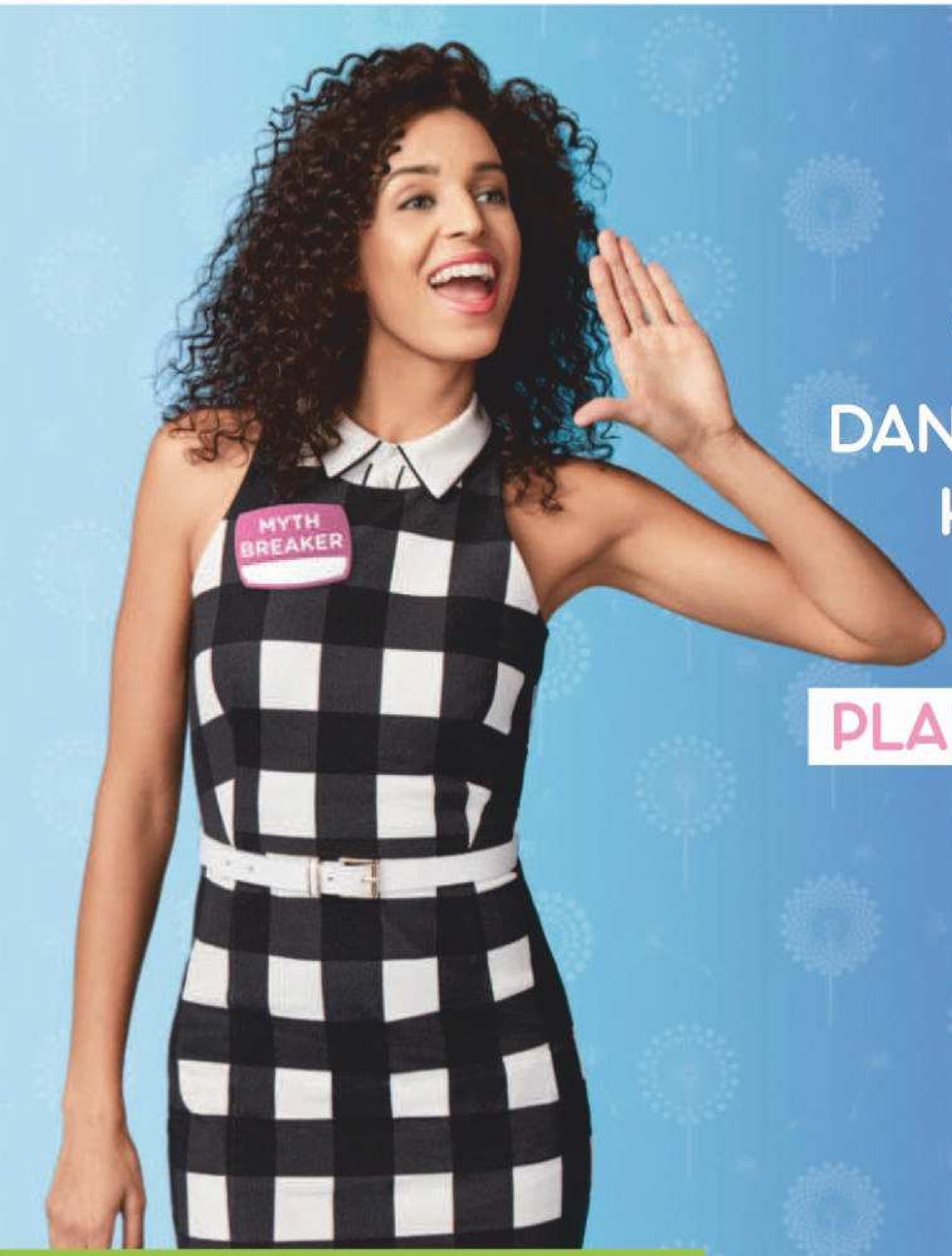
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SEXIEST MICHAEL

WINNER!

MICHAEL B. JORDAN, 31

His Adonis body is thanks to a workout that includes "cardio, chest, back, tris," the *Creed II* star told *Vogue*.

THE RUNNERS-UP

Michael Phelps
Michael Avenatti
Michael Strahan
Michael Fassbender

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SEXIEST CHRIS

WINNER!

CHRIS HEMSWORTH, 35

Family comes first for the *Bad Times at the El Royale* star. "There's definitely a couple of films I could've put way more energy into, but I was like, 'No, I'd rather be with my kids,'" he said.

Chris Rock
Chris Messina
Chris Evans
THE RUNNERS-UP
Chris Pratt

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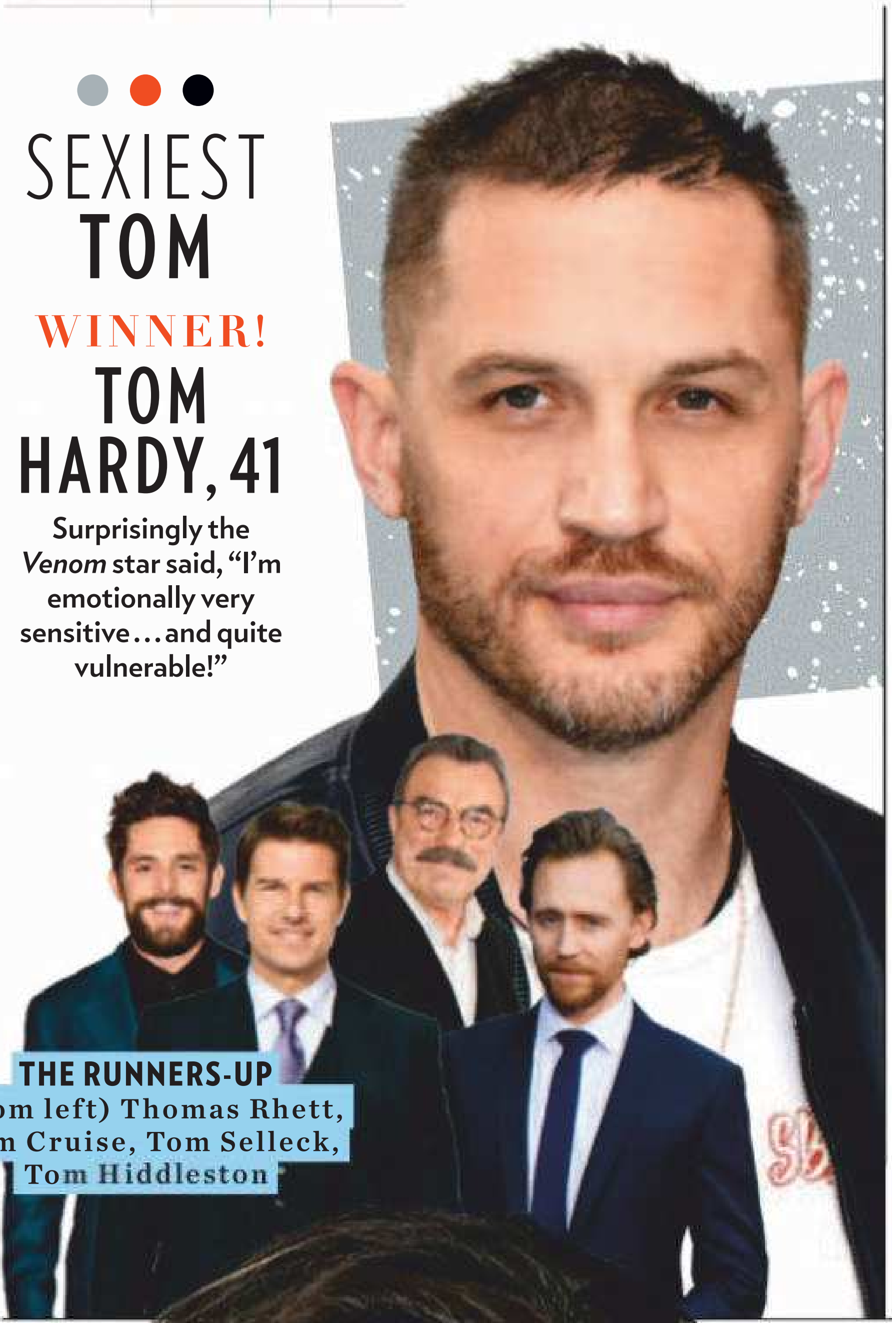
SEXIEST TOM

WINNER!

TOM HARDY, 41

Surprisingly the *Venom* star said, "I'm emotionally very sensitive…and quite vulnerable!"



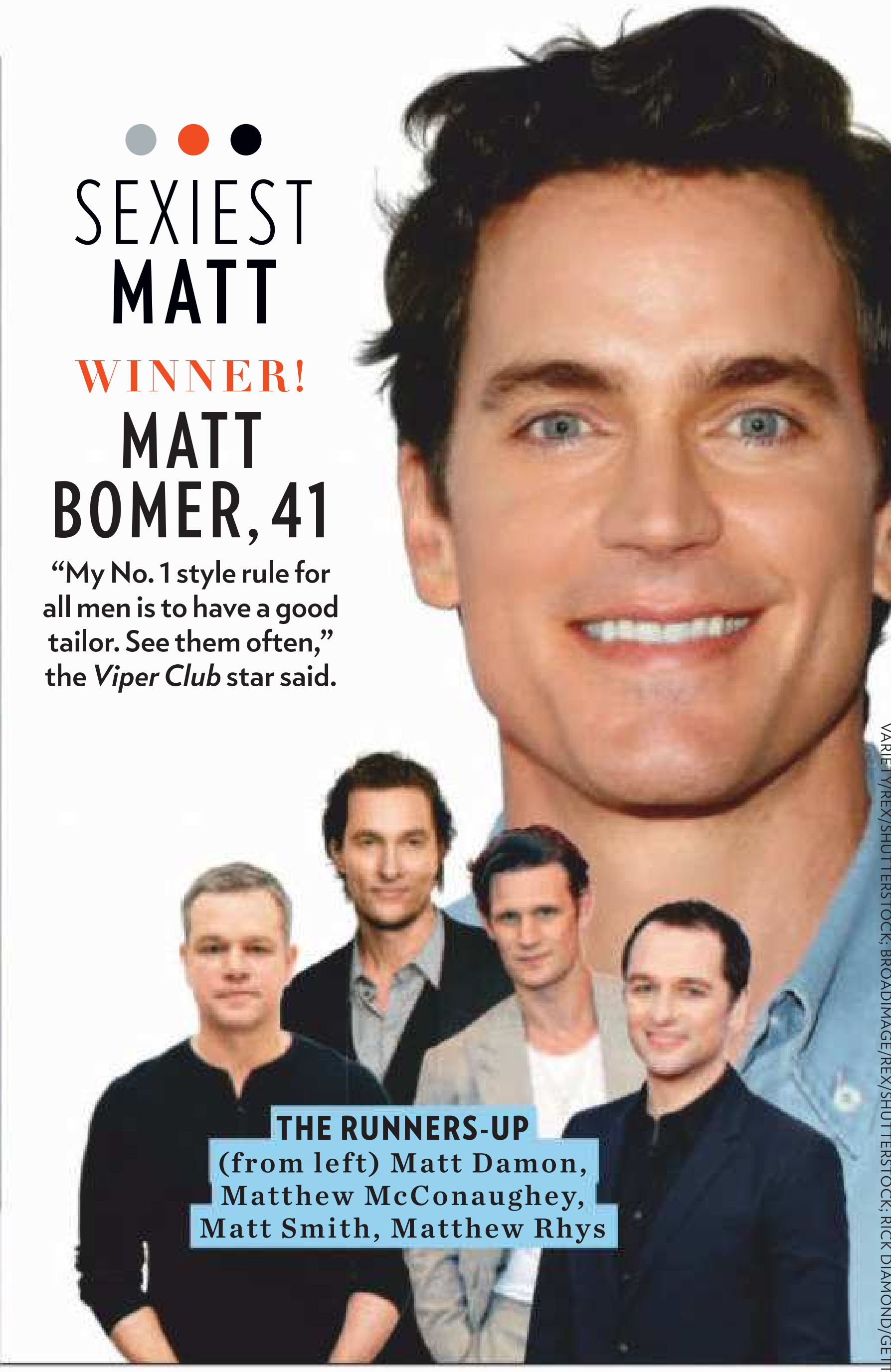
THE RUNNERS-UP
(from left) Thomas Rhett, Tom Cruise, Tom Selleck, Tom Hiddleston

SEXIEST MATT

WINNER!

MATT BOMER, 41

"My No. 1 style rule for all men is to have a good tailor. See them often," the *Viper Club* star said.



THE RUNNERS-UP
(from left) Matt Damon, Matthew McConaughey, Matt Smith, Matthew Rhys

SEXIEST JASON

WINNER!

JASON MOMOA, 39

"When people like you and think you did a good job on something, you deal with it," said the *Aquaman* star of all the fan attention. "I embrace it and don't try to hide."

THE RUNNERS-UP
(clockwise from top left) Jason Mraz, Jason Statham, Jason Derulo, Jason Aldean

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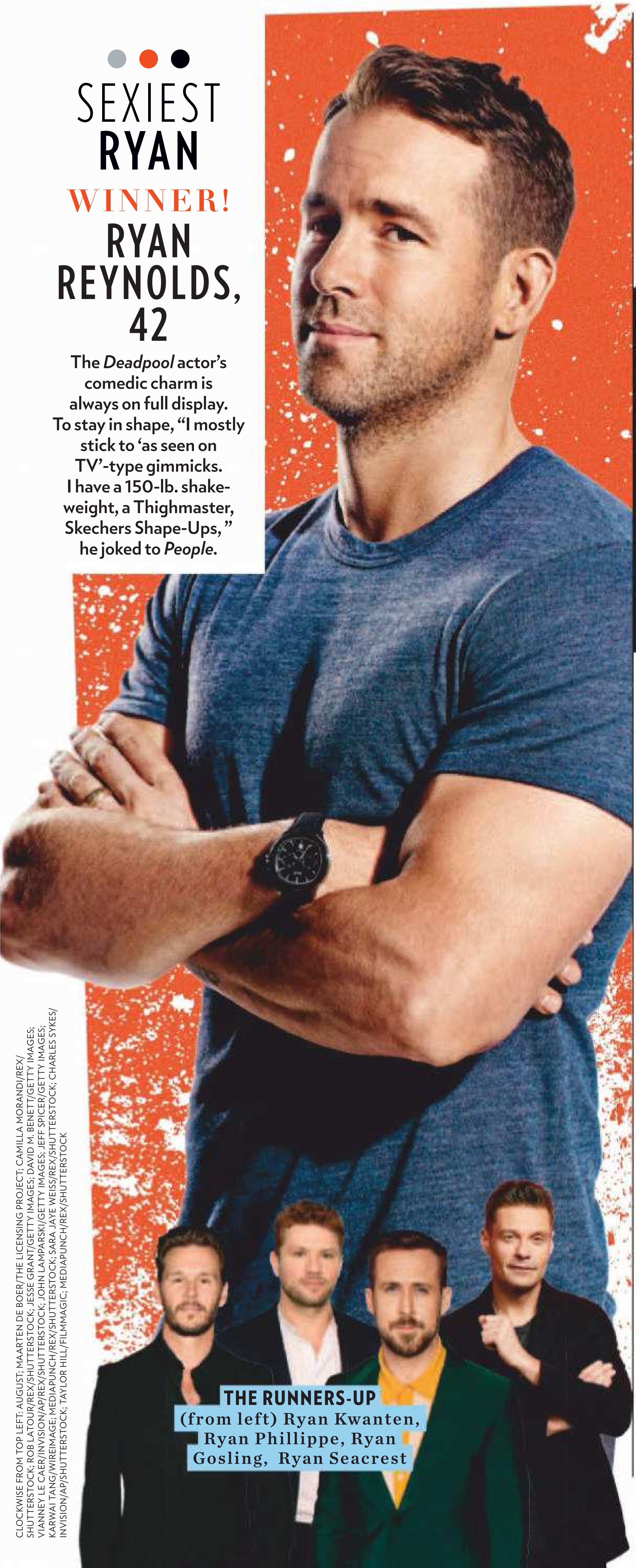
SEXIEST RYAN

WINNER!

RYAN REYNOLDS, 42

The *Deadpool* actor's comedic charm is always on full display. To stay in shape, "I mostly stick to 'as seen on TV'-type gimmicks. I have a 150-lb. shake-weight, a Thighmaster, Skechers Shape-Ups," he joked to *People*.



THE RUNNERS-UP (from left) Ryan Kwanten, Ryan Phillippe, Ryan Gosling, Ryan Seacrest

SEXIEST SAM

WINNER!

SAM HEUGHAN, 38

The *Outlander* star's ideal date would start with mountain climbing and end "waking up to the sunrise…with a bottle of whiskey," he says.

THE RUNNERS-UP (from left) Sam Claflin, Sam Rockwell, Samuel L. Jackson, Sam Smith

SEXIEST HUGH

WINNER!

HUGH JACKMAN, 50

"I am ridiculously blessed," the star of the political drama *The Front Runner* told *People*. "I don't need any more money. I'm totally good. So if I can use whatever power I have now to share with others, that's my hope."

THE RUNNERS-UP (from left) Hugh Bonneville, Hugh Skinner, Hugh Grant, Hugh Dancy

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SEXIEST FEATURES

EYES

MICHAEL EALY, 45

His sparkling blue eyes are "usually the first thing" women compliment, the actor once said.

HAIR

KIT HARINGTON, 31

"The longer it's left without doing much washing, the better. That is the secret," said the *Game of Thrones* actor.

LEGS

DAVID BECKHAM, 43

The retired soccer legend still hits the gym or the beach for grueling workouts.

SMILE

TAYE DIGGS, 47

"When life gives you a hundred reasons to cry, show life that you have a thousand reasons to smile," the *All American* actor has said.

ABS

ZAC EFRON, 31

How did the *Baywatch* star get his six-pack? "I don't think I ate carbs for two months," he said.

JAWLINE

HENRY CAVILL, 35

"There are people who are better-looking than I am," the *Man of Steel* actor told *Men's Journal*; readers disagree.

BUTT

CHANNING TATUM, 38

The *Smallfoot* star shows off what made him Magic Mike.

ARMS

DWAYNE JOHNSON, 46

"Working out is my therapy, and it's cheaper than a shrink," the *Skyscraper* star has said.

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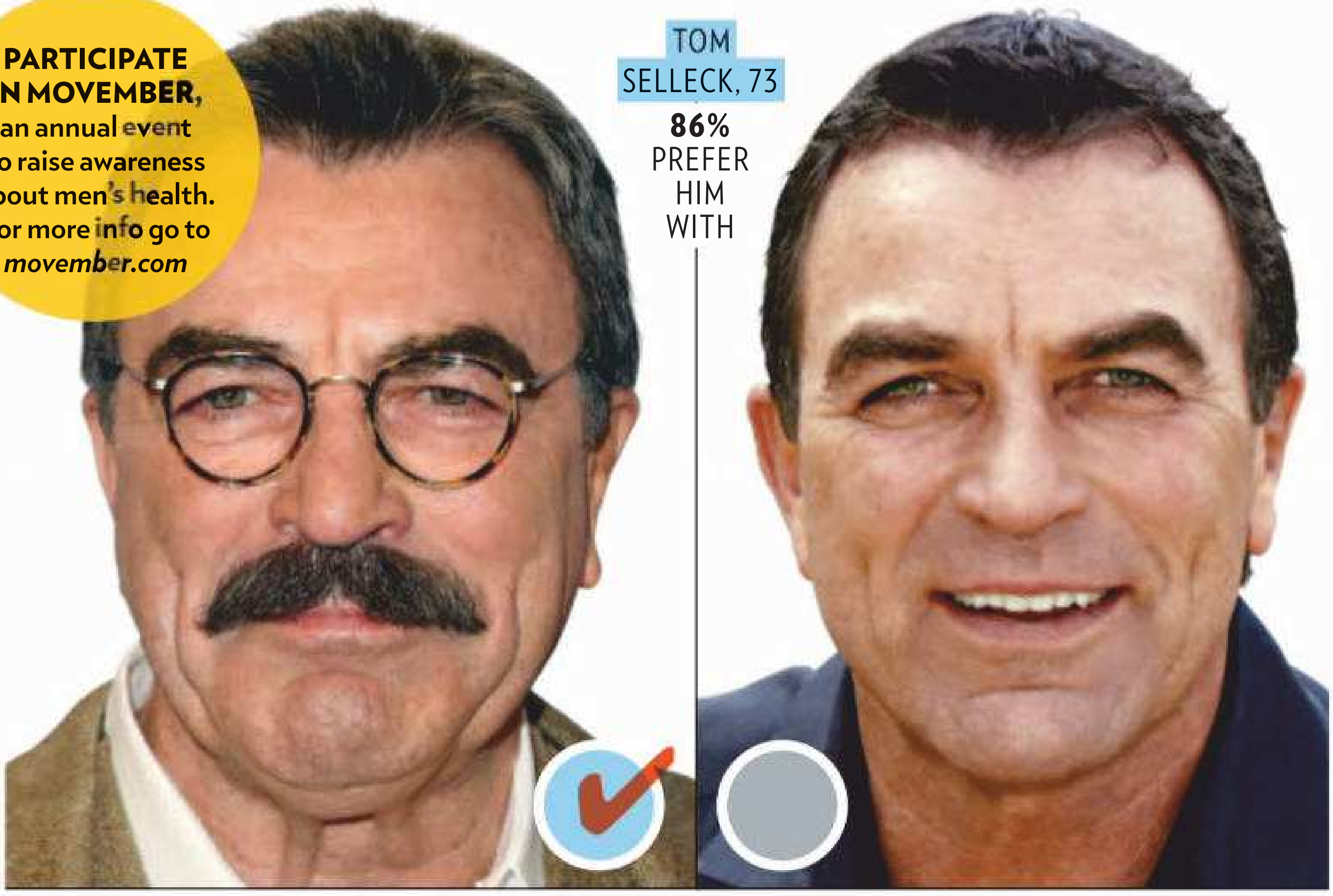

TOM SELLECK, 73

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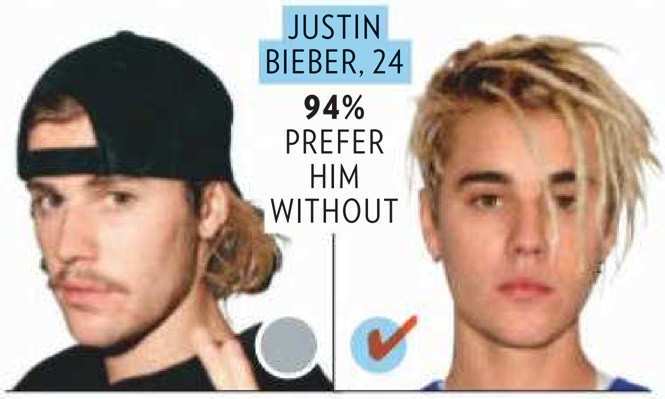

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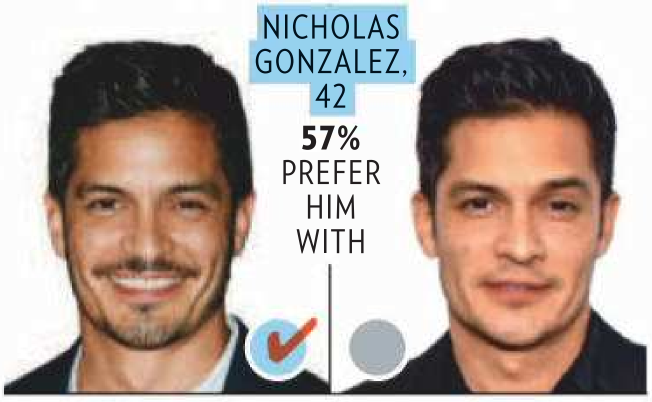

NICHOLAS GONZALEZ, 42

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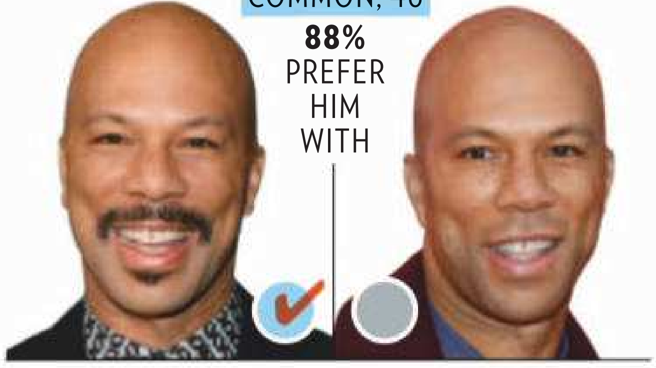

COMMON, 46

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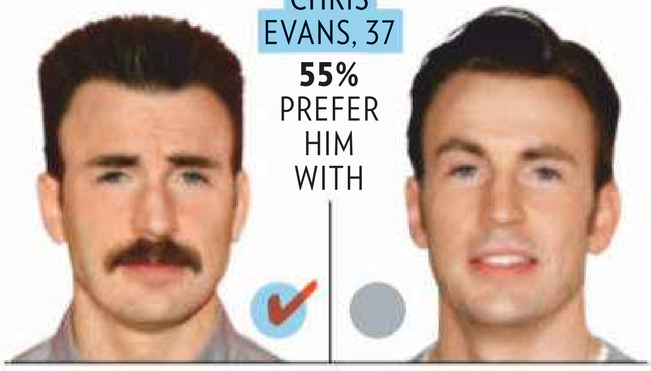

CHRIS EVANS, 37

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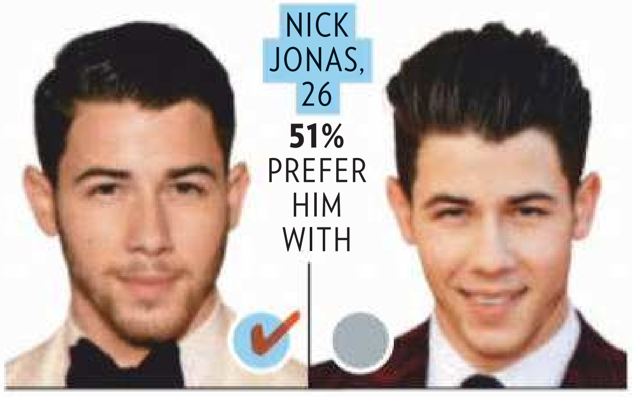

NICK JONAS, 26

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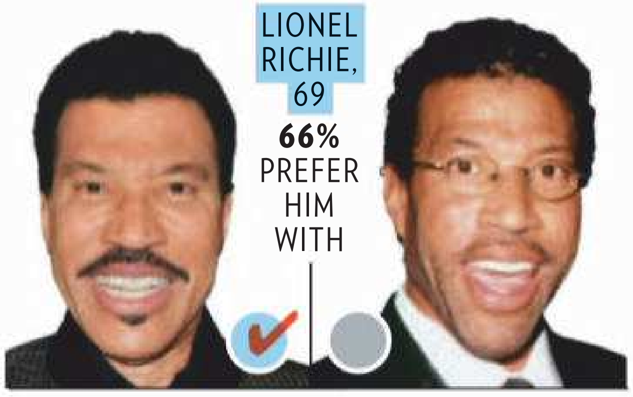

LIONEL RICHIE, 69

66% PREFER HIM WITH

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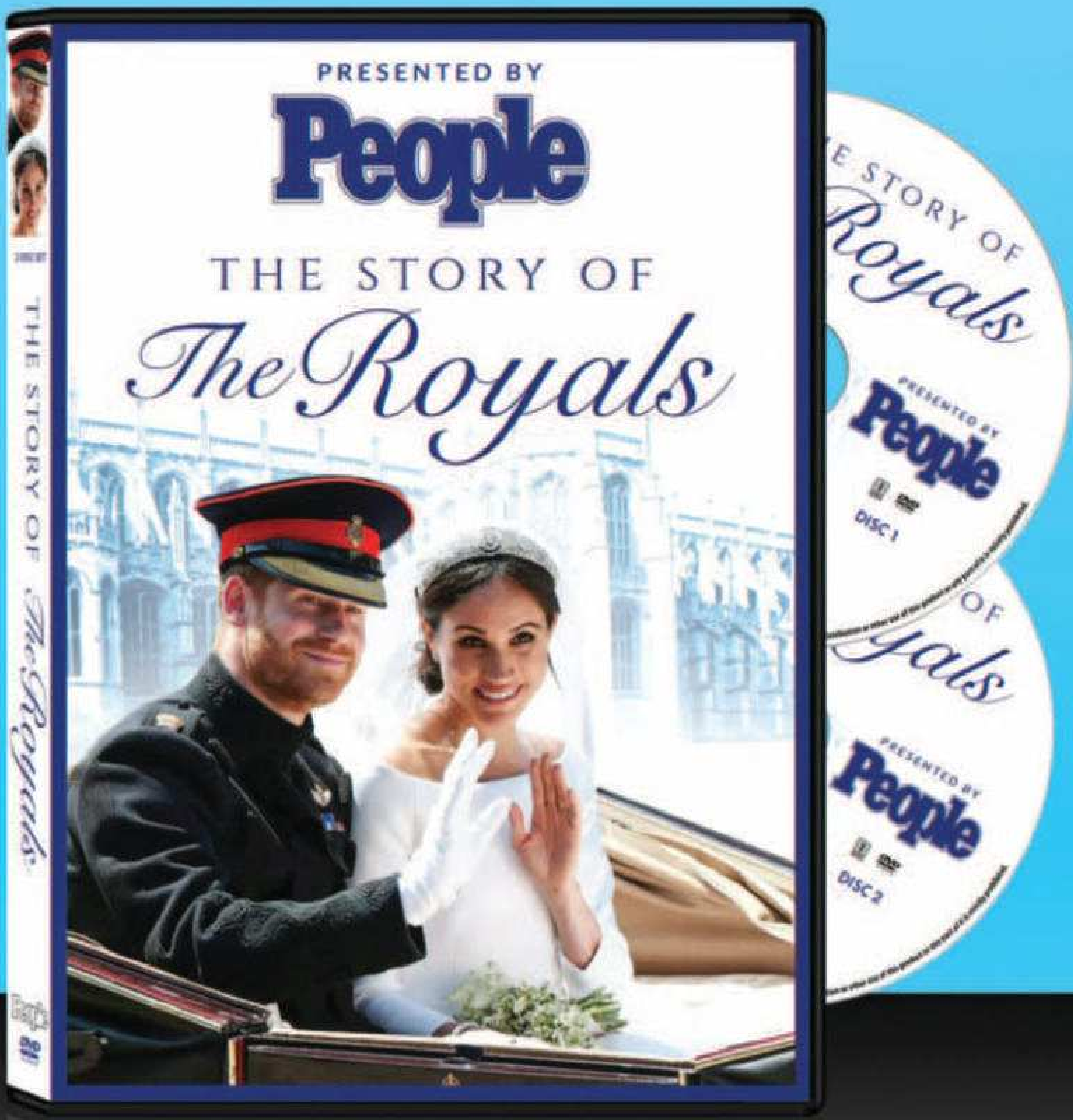
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JEFF GOLDBLUM, 66

WITH STANDARD POODLE WOODY, 5

Before marrying gymnast Emilie Livingston, with whom he has two sons—Charlie Ocean, 3, and River Joe, 1—in 2014, the *Jurassic World* actor practiced parenting with a new puppy. "I'm still a humble student to the whole thing," says Goldblum, whose debut jazz album, *The Capitol Studios Sessions,* with the Mildred Snitzer Orchestra, is out Nov. 9. He says everyone in his household gets along perfectly: "Woody's so protective and sweet with the kids. They love him up."

Sexy man's best friend

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WHEN A GUY IS ALREADY ATTRACTIVE, A CANINE COMPANION IS THE ICING ON THE CAKE

GROOMER: DAVID COX/ART DEPARTMENT; STYLIST: ANDREW VOTTERO

JOE JONAS, 29

WITH ALASKAN KLEE KAIS WALDO (left) AND PORKY, BOTH 1

The DNCE frontman knows all about siblings, so it was a natural fit for him to get a pair of brother dogs. Porky came first—a gift for *Game of Thrones* actress Sophie Turner, his fiancée—and Waldo followed six months later. "Porky likes to wake up and play right away. Waldo is quite shy, so we're constantly saying, 'Where's Waldo?' " says Jonas. The dogs have traveled to Amsterdam, London and beyond, on tour with Jonas or visiting Turner on-set. "They're the perfect size for traveling," says Jonas. "They have a pretty good passport."

SETH MEYERS, 44

WITH ITALIAN GREYHOUND FRISBEE, 7

The host of NBC's *Late Night* says his dog Frisbee is "incredibly lovely," but tricks are not her forte. "We had a lot higher expectations for her intelligence in the early years, but it's been a real backslide. If you throw a ball, there's only a 50 percent chance she's going to find it. You have to walk over and basically hand it to her."

(JONAS) GROOMER: MELISSA DEZARATE/THE WALL GROUP; STYLIST: AVO YERMAGYAN/FORWARD ARTISTS; (MEYERS) GROOMER: AMY KOMOROWSKI; STYLIST: ERIC JUSTIAN; SWEATER: A.P.C.; JEANS: RAG & BONE; SNEAKERS: COMMON PROJECTS

BRUCE BOZZI, 52

WITH YORKIE TOOTSIE, 2

The vice president of the Palm Restaurant Group, who also hosts his own SiriusXM radio show, *Lunch with Bruce*, says Tootsie is an "L.A. baby. She loves to swim. She comes running from the house and jumps into the pool, literally nose-dives in. She is a small Yorkie trapped in a German shepherd sort of mentality."

(BOZZI) GROOMER: SAMANTHA FRYLING/ART DEPARTMENT; (USHER) GROOMER: MELANESIA HUNTER/BIG MANAGEMENT; STYLIST: ADE SAMUEL/THE ONLY AGENCY; TOP: VINCE; JEANS: MR. COMPLETELY

USHER, 40

WITH MINI GOLDENDOODLE SCARLETT, 3

The singer, who just released his ninth studio album, *A*, says he was sold the minute he held Scarlett in his arms. "I was like, 'I'm not letting her go.' She was cute, man." Now the two do yoga and go on hikes together. "She's my road dog," he says. "Some of my hardest times, she's always been there with me."

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GOOD LOOKS RUN IN THE FAMILY

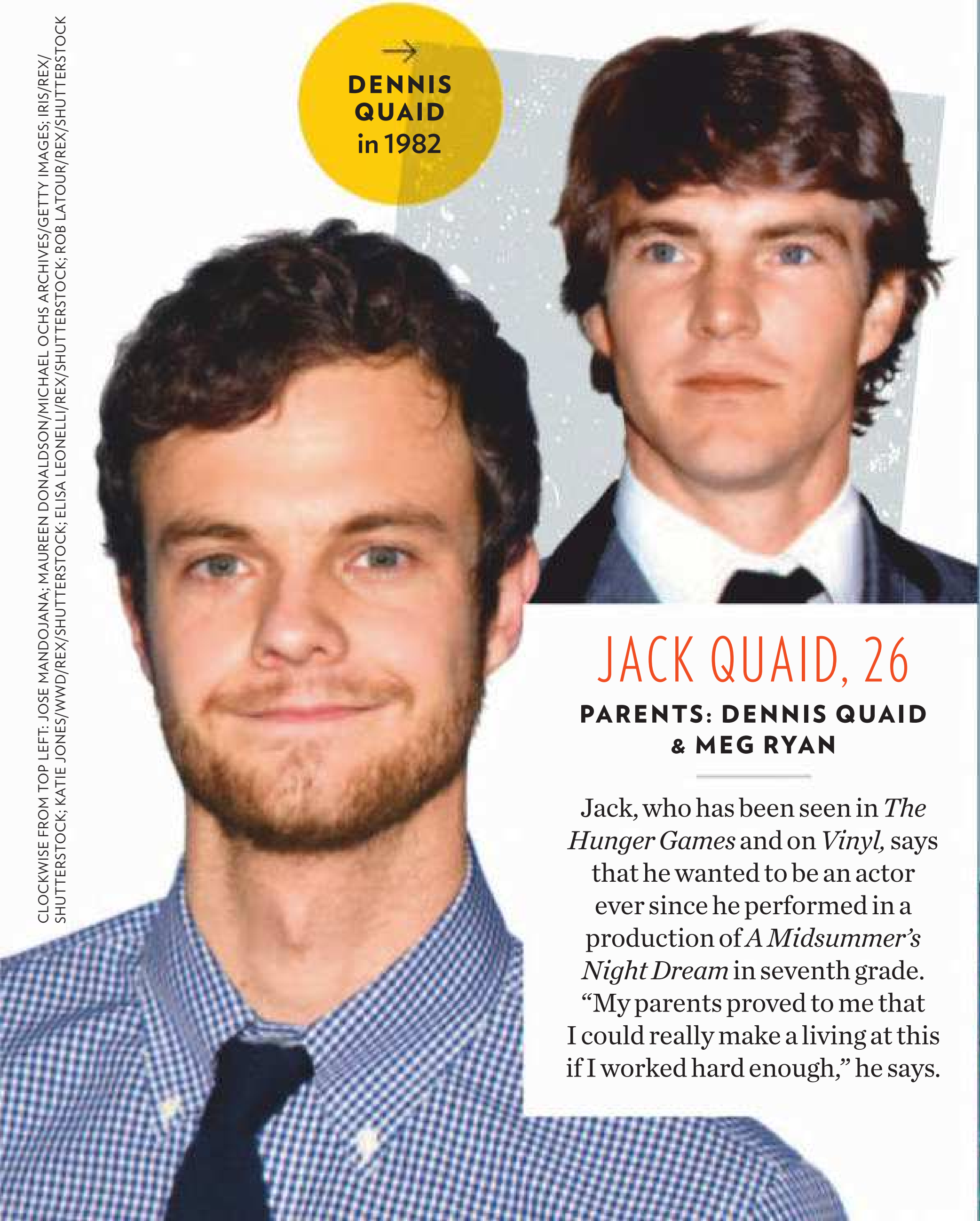
By Helen Murphy

→ EUGENE LEVY in 1985

DANIEL LEVY, 35

PARENTS: EUGENE LEVY & DEBORAH DIVINE

The Levys co-created, cowrite and costar in CBC's *Schitt's Creek,* now in its fourth season. "Watching him work has been one of the great master classes for me in how to do it right," Daniel says of his dad. "He's handled his career with such grace and poise and respect and really informed how I want to continue running my professional career."

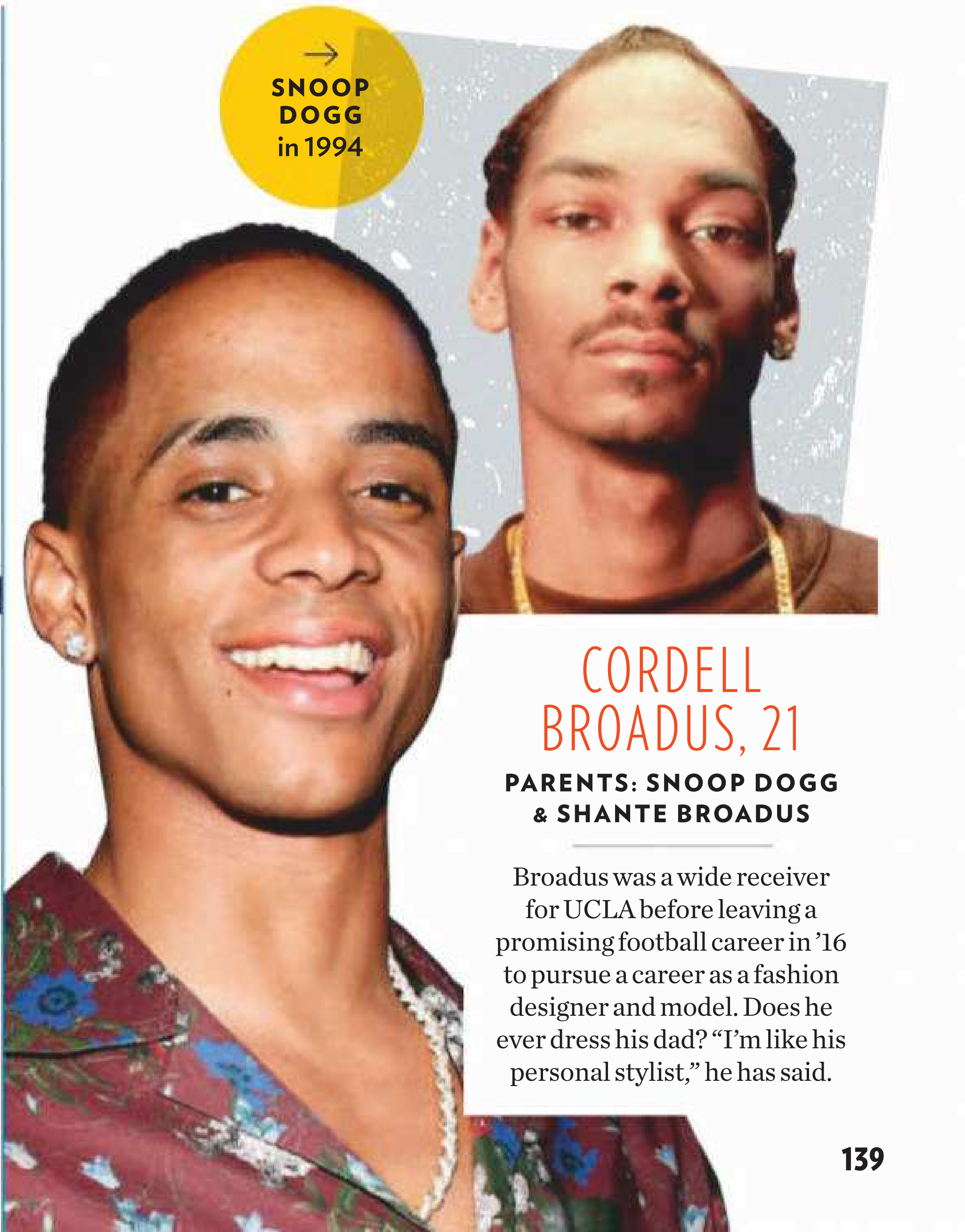


→ DENNIS QUAID in 1982

JACK QUAID, 26

PARENTS: DENNIS QUAID & MEG RYAN

Jack, who has been seen in *The Hunger Games* and on *Vinyl,* says that he wanted to be an actor ever since he performed in a production of *A Midsummer's Night Dream* in seventh grade. "My parents proved to me that I could really make a living at this if I worked hard enough," he says.



→ SNOOP DOGG in 1994

CORDELL BROADUS, 21

PARENTS: SNOOP DOGG & SHANTE BROADUS

Broadus was a wide receiver for UCLA before leaving a promising football career in '16 to pursue a career as a fashion designer and model. Does he ever dress his dad? "I'm like his personal stylist," he has said.

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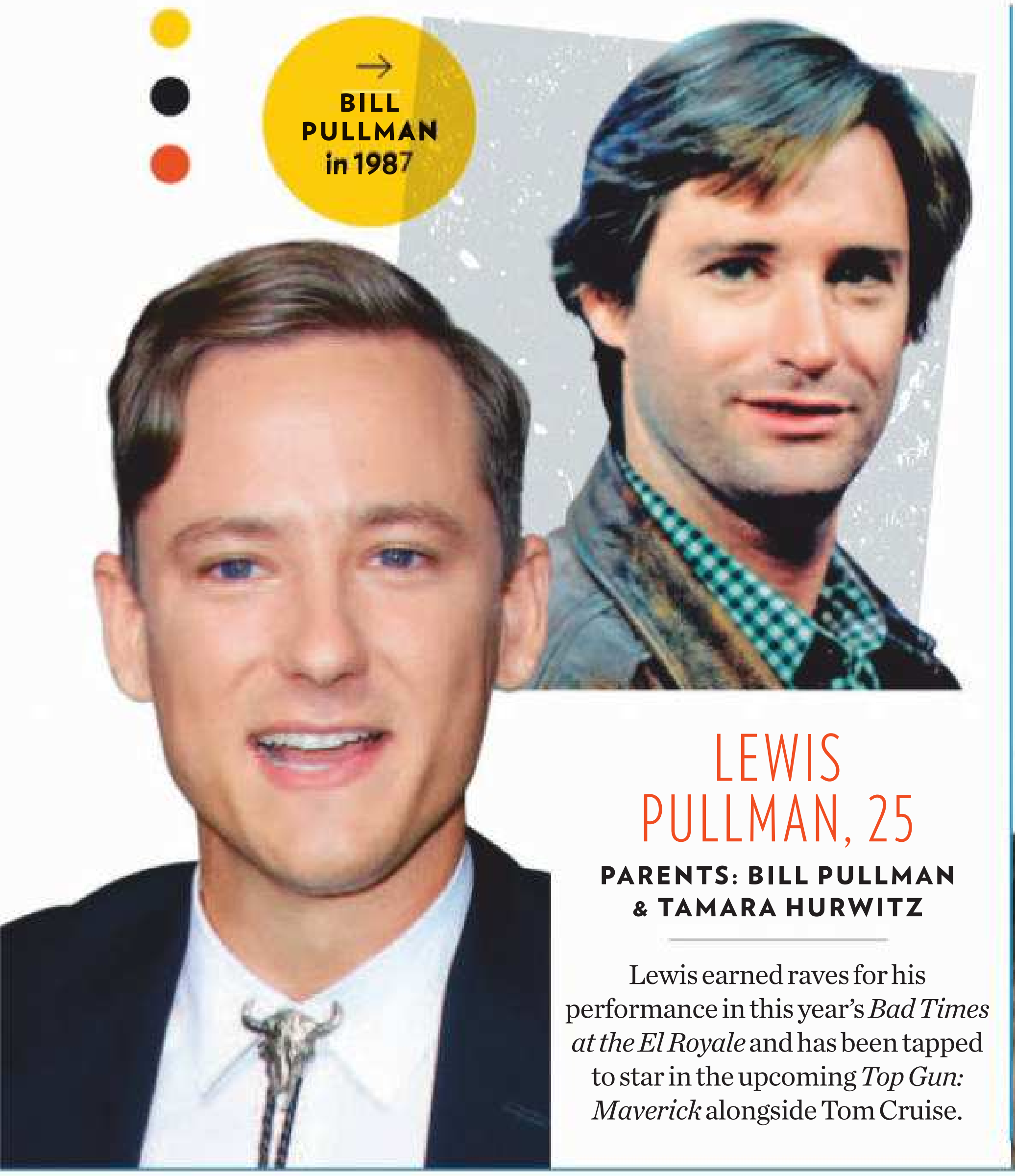
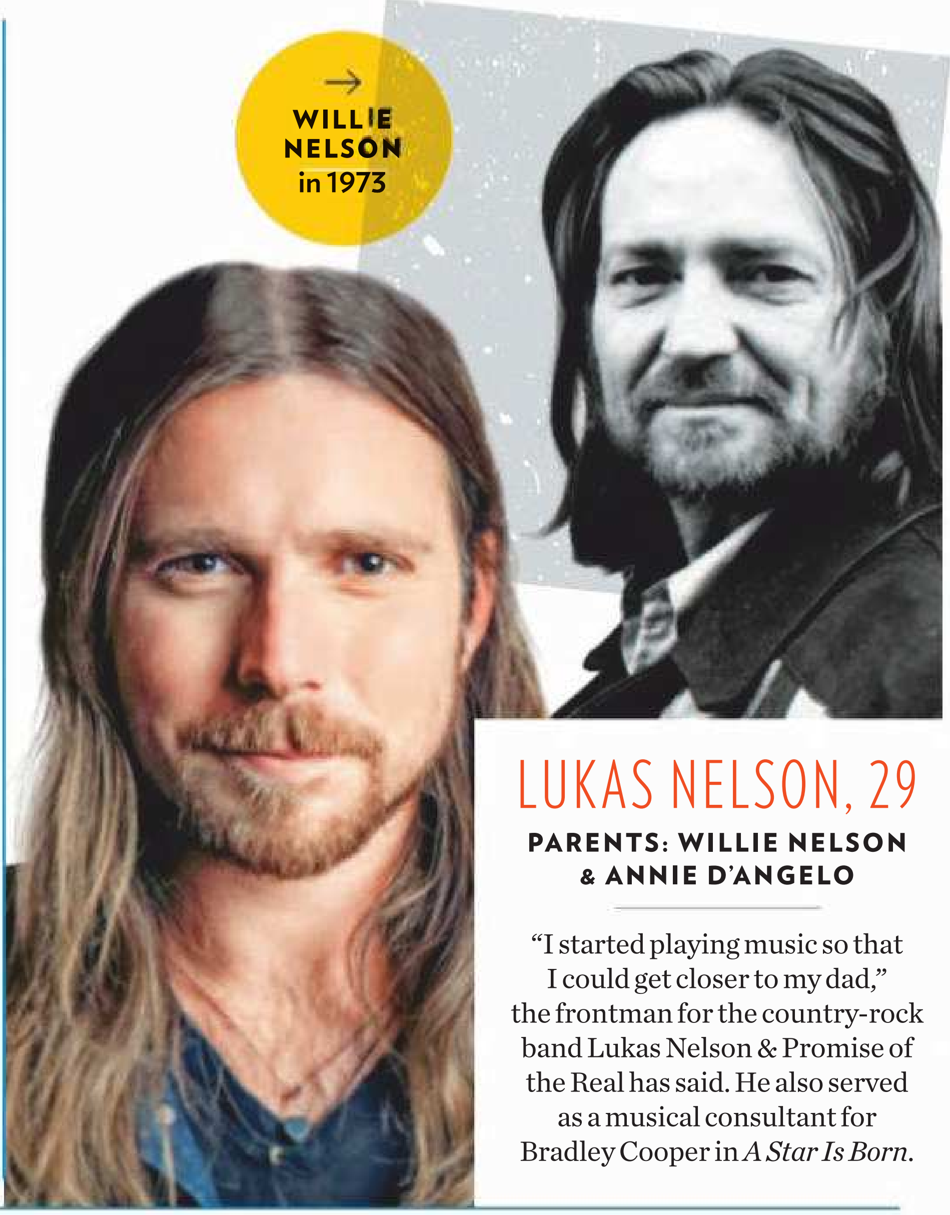


LEWIS PULLMAN, 25

PARENTS: BILL PULLMAN & TAMARA HURWITZ

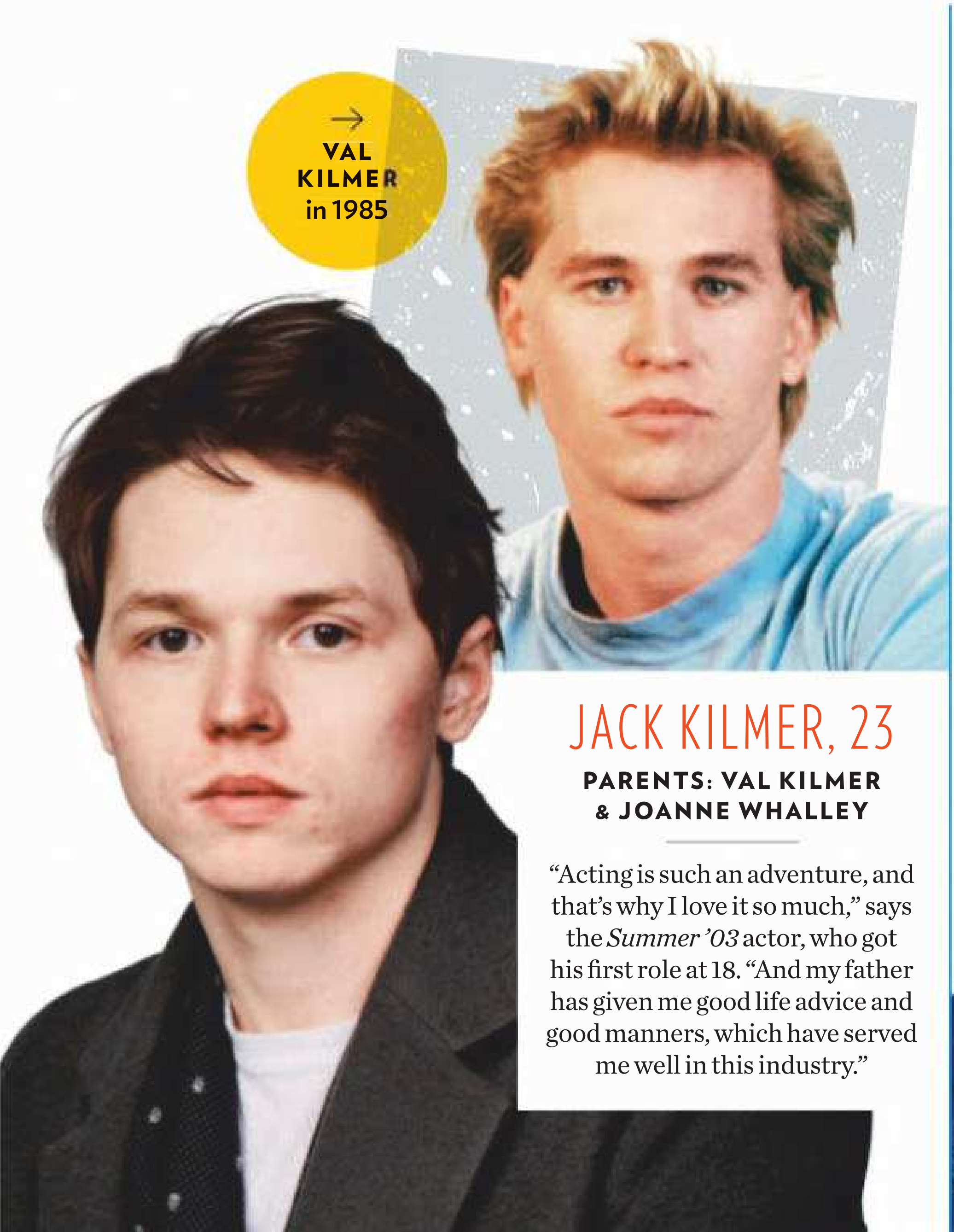
Lewis earned raves for his performance in this year's *Bad Times at the El Royale* and has been tapped to star in the upcoming *Top Gun: Maverick* alongside Tom Cruise.



LUKAS NELSON, 29

PARENTS: WILLIE NELSON & ANNIE D'ANGELO

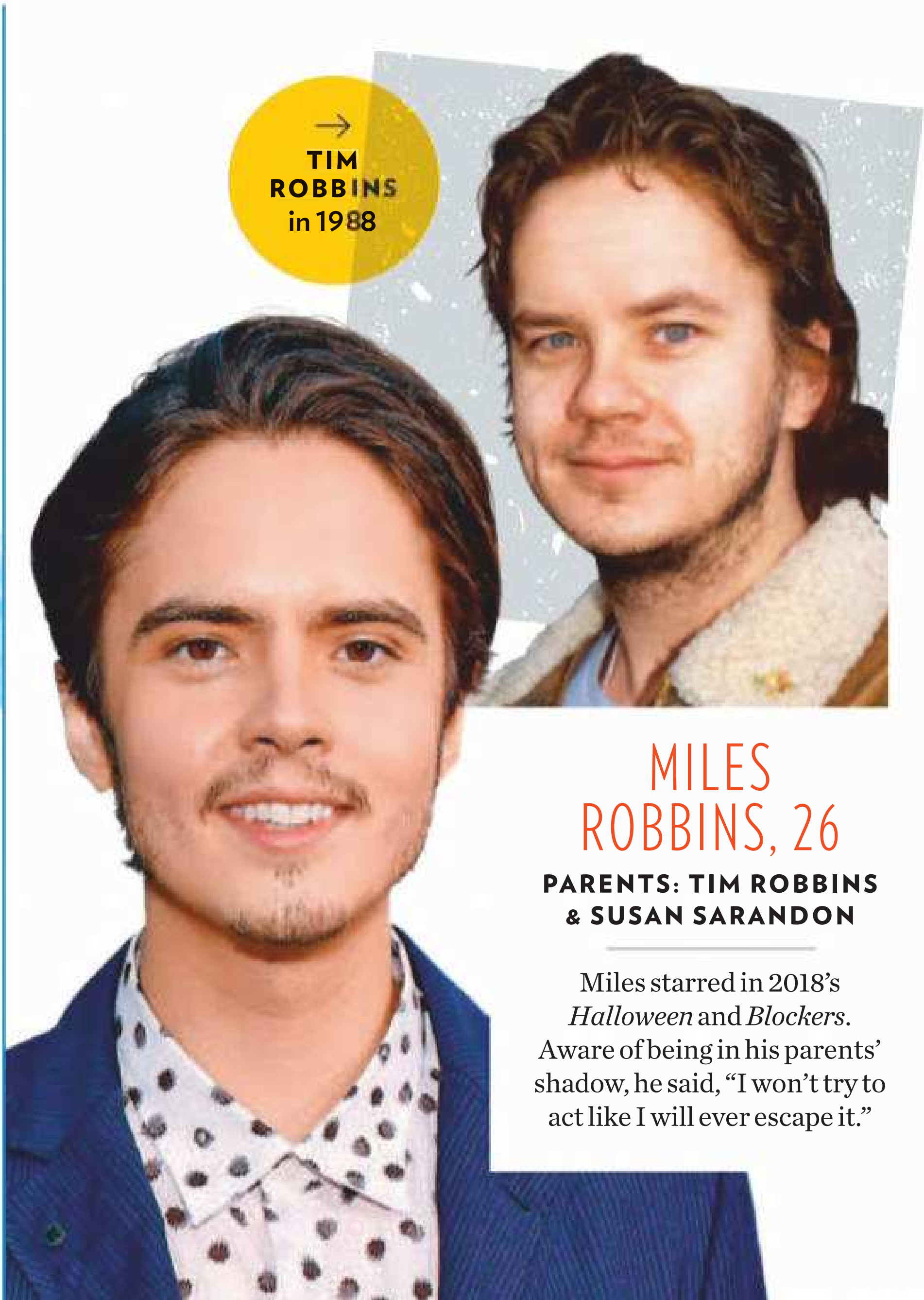
"I started playing music so that I could get closer to my dad," the frontman for the country-rock band Lukas Nelson & Promise of the Real has said. He also served as a musical consultant for Bradley Cooper in *A Star Is Born*.



JACK KILMER, 23

PARENTS: VAL KILMER & JOANNE WHALLEY

"Acting is such an adventure, and that's why I love it so much," says the *Summer '03* actor, who got his first role at 18. "And my father has given me good life advice and good manners, which have served me well in this industry."



MILES ROBBINS, 26

PARENTS: TIM ROBBINS & SUSAN SARANDON

Miles starred in 2018's *Halloween* and *Blockers*. Aware of being in his parents' shadow, he said, "I won't try to act like I will ever escape it."

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CULTURE

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I hate it when I see a couple and one is walking ahead of the other. You're walking through life together.

Jonathan Van Ness, 31

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GIVE YOURSELF A BREAK
You can't be sexy all the time. If you accept, I'm not having my sexiest day today, that icky feeling of not feeling it kind of subsides.

DON'T COMPARE YOURSELF TO OTHERS
When you feel that you're not good enough, it's easy to get confused and lose your way. Just do you. We're all just trying the best we can.

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> —JONATHAN VAN NESS

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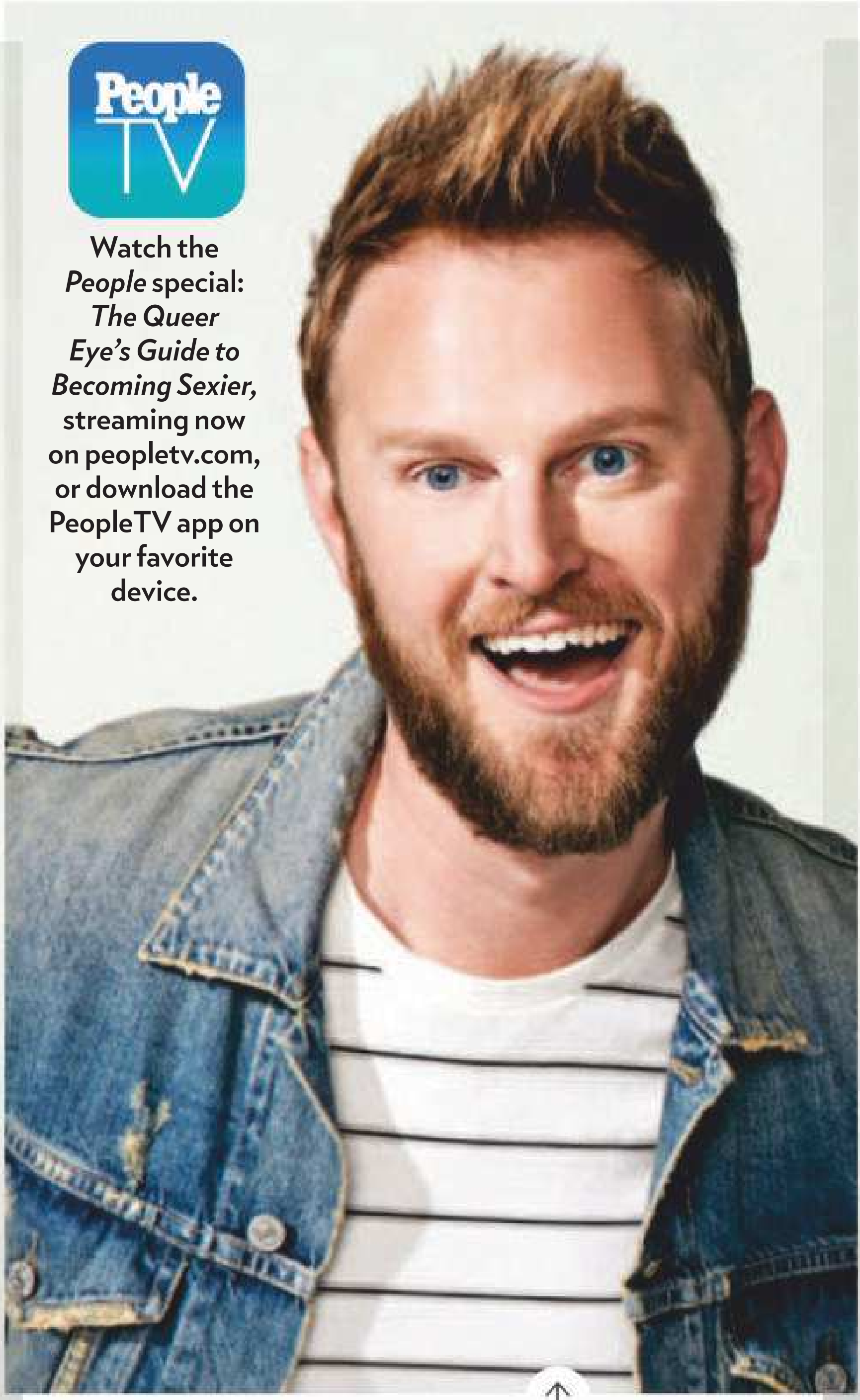

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Tan France, 35

FASHION

MAKE AN EFFORT
It's easy to get out of bed and just put on whatever's on the floor, but don't save those nice things in your wardrobe for somebody else. Wear them for your partner.

PUT THAT PHONE DOWN
I saw a couple at a restaurant, and the guy was on his phone, not listening to his date.

GIVE YOURSELF A PEP TALK
When I have an off day, I remind myself what I like about myself. I learned that from Oprah.

Bobby Berk, 37

DESIGN

EMBRACE THE UNEXPECTED
When you do mundane things every day, you get in a rut. Put some effort into something that makes your partner feel special.

BE CONFIDENT
Even the people who you think have the most confidence can be terrified inside. Learn to believe and trust in yourself.

REMEMBER THAT IT GETS BETTER
Some of the nerdiest guys who were tormented in school are now tech billionaires!

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hottest couples

THEIR RULES: BE KIND, GROW TOGETHER AND LEAN ON EACH OTHER

GWEN STEFANI & BLAKE SHELTON
"Every day that goes by, it just feels like a stronger bond between the two of us," Shelton has said of their three-year relationship.

ASHLEE SIMPSON ROSS & EVAN ROSS
"We don't like to stay mad at each other, because first of all, she's way too hot to stay mad at," says Evan.

JENNIFER LOPEZ & ALEX RODRIGUEZ
"Where I need help, he's really strong, and where he needs help, I'm really strong," said Lopez.

ELIZABETH CHAMBERS & ARMIE HAMMER
"My wife and I always try to do sweet things for each other," says Hammer. "That's kind of the mode… consistency!"

TIM McGRAW & FAITH HILL
"As we get older, it's less about the big gestures and more about just spending time together at home," says McGraw.

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ORLANDO BLOOM & KATY PERRY
They rekindled their relationship earlier this year and made their red carpet debut in Monaco in September.

PRIYANKA CHOPRA & NICK JONAS
After dating for two months, the couple got engaged in July. “We knew it was right and just jumped right in,” said Jonas.

CIARA & RUSSELL WILSON
The NFL player once reserved the Seattle Art Museum for an exclusive romantic date night.

BEYONCE & JAY Z
During their recent joint On the Run II tour, Beyoncé said, “I’m doing what I love most with whom I love most.”

JUSTIN TIMBERLAKE & JESSICA BIEL
The key to their marriage? “Just be able to communicate really honestly with your partner. That’s worked for us so far,” says Biel.

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what makes *my husband* sexy

KINDNESS. GENEROSITY. SENSITIVITY. AND MANSCAPING? STARS TELL ALMOST ALL

MEGAN MULLALLY *on* NICK OFFERMAN

> “● When I first met Nick, I was attracted to his kindness and decency. Now it’s more about the sex. Everything still feels new with us, like we’re on about our fifth or sixth date. Which means we’re still using condoms. It’s a trade-off. My secret nickname for Nick? Goliath Johnson. No explanation necessary, but sweet brag on my part.
>
> In terms of raw sexuality, the way he maintains and grooms his back hair is not to be believed. Bottom line, don’t make me choose what I love most about him—it’s an embarrassment of riches.”

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SOFIA VERGARA *on* JOE MANGANIELLO

Joe is a very attractive man, so that, of course, was the first thing that attracted me to him. Now that I really know him, he's so much more than handsome. He's very intelligent—he's like a nerd. I love that about him.

I wouldn't change one thing about him. He makes me feel protected and supported. He helps me take care of the people I care about. He is a manly guy, but he's also an artist, so he's very sensitive. He notices what I wear, what colors I like. Every time he has given me a gift, I love it!

I have two little issues: He's always trying to force me to watch a Steelers game, and I refuse. Also, he wants me to create a Dungeons and Dragons character so that I can play, and I refuse!

Mostly, though, we want to go to the same places and hang out in the same way. We got lucky to find each other in our 40s. We complement each other.

—AS TOLD TO ALEXIA FERNANDEZ

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KRISTEN BELL *on* DAX SHEPARD

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"When Dax and I first got together, I had a lot of trust and jealousy issues. Over the years I have realized what a waste of time these emotions are because he has shown nothing but consistent love. I also think he has gotten funnier! To see him as a dad makes me horny. I call him Dadbeast. He does almost everything in a 'manly' way. He can put a ponytail in our 5-year-old's hair as manly as he can change his brake pads in the driveway.

Honesty and vulnerability are huge in our household. We talk through our disagreements in front of our kids to show them a road map of positive and respectful ways to resolve conflicts. My feelings for Dax well up when I witness him being kind and generous to strangers; when he stops on the highway to help someone change a tire; when he leaves a big tip; and when he speaks openly and honestly about his struggle with addiction so others listening will feel less alone in their struggle. In the end, nothing is sexier than him being a good human.

—AS TOLD TO JULIE JORDAN"

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7. I love the strong jawbone.
8. I’m proud of what a great actor he is and the joy people experience in working with him.
9. I love how much he loves our family.
10. I love that he unfailingly and enthusiastically celebrates every miracle of our life, large and small. The man doesn’t have a jaded bone in his body.
11. I love that he is a feminist.
12. I miss him when he leaves the room. I would literally sign up for 100 more lifetimes with him.

”

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Stay in a Fantasy Suite from *The Bachelor* Franchise

CHECK INTO SOME OF THE SEXIEST HOTEL ROOMS IN THE WORLD

By Madison Roberts

Watch the northern lights from a glass-roofed igloo.

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Nick Viall & Rachel Lindsay
The Bachelor, Season 21

Sleep under the stars in a heated igloo with an attached cabin ($966/night, available from August to April) in the remote northern region of Lapland, like final three contestant Lindsay, and Viall. (Lindsay went on to be the season 13 Bachelorette.) In the morning guests can embark on a reindeer safari or skiing and snowboarding excursions.

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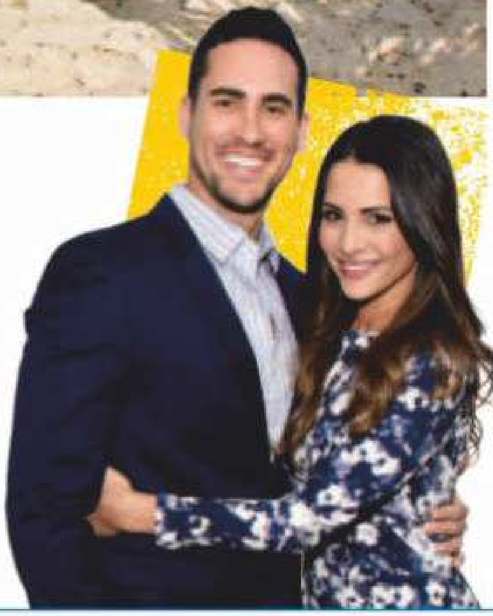

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Andi Dorfman & Josh Murray
The Bachelorette, Season 10

The 5,073-sq.-ft. Royal Service Garden Villa ($2,500/night) comes with amenities like a daily in-room massage and personal butler. Sadly, the couple who enjoyed them split eight months after the final rose.

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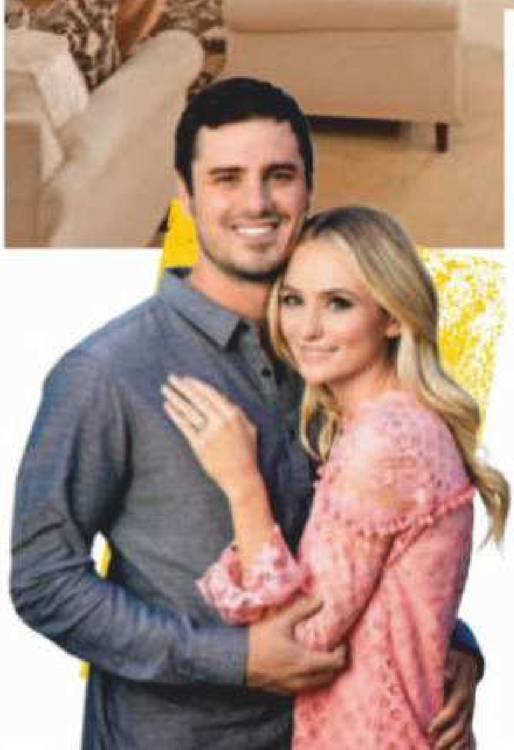
Brad Womack & Emily Maynard
The Bachelor, Season 15

On his second go as the Bachelor, Womack hoped this wild villa ($3,448/night)—located inside a private game reserve—and an elephant ride for two would woo Maynard, but their engagement ended shortly after filming wrapped.



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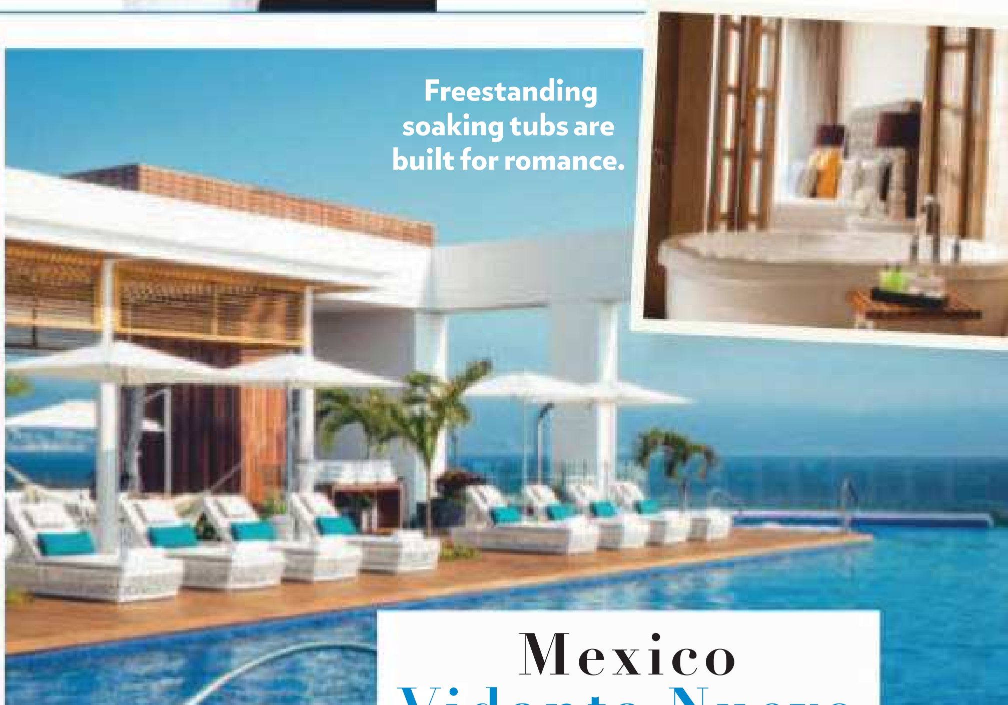
Ben Higgins & Lauren Bushnell
The Bachelor, Season 20

At the three-bedroom Villa Plantana ($2,004/night) guests are greeted with chocolate-covered fruit, champagne, rose petals and their own staff. Higgins and Bushnell called off their engagement in 2017, but guests can still re-create their magical stay.



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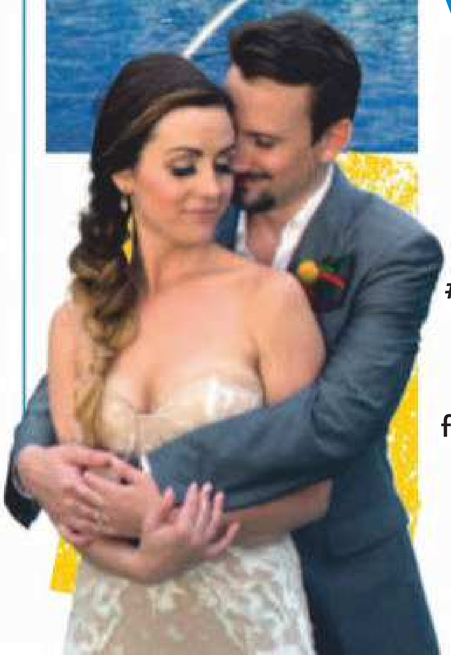

Mexico
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Carly Waddell & Evan Bass
Bachelor in Paradise, Season 3

The Grand Luxxe suites ($1,020/night) have cemented some of #BachelorNation's favorite couples, including Waddell and Bass, who tied the knot in 2017. The rooms feature a separate kitchen, plush four-poster bed and a private terrace that leads to a plunge pool.

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HAVING THESE TV FIX-IT MEN PITCH IN AROUND THE HOUSE IS NO CHORE

By Emily Strohm

CHIP GAINES, 44

FIXER UPPER

"My dad and my granddad before that—they were all handy guys," says Gaines. "Dad would wake up and say, 'Son, we're gonna build a fence. Let's get the materials.' And I was always a chip off the old block, no pun intended. When I got into my 20s, I realized I'd rather mow somebody's grass than be in a cubicle. I became very passionate about the things Jo and I do for a living." His wife, Joanna, loves the perks of being a handyman's wife. "He can literally fix anything!" she says.

MIKE DAVELLO

JONATHAN & DREW SCOTT, 40

PROPERTY BROTHERS

Jonathan (left), who is single, admits that his profession makes him popular with women. "I can't tell you how many times I've gone on a first date and it's ended with me dropping her off and fixing something. Sometimes I'm pretty confident she broke it just before I got there!" Drew, who married Linda Phan in May, has noticed that "the littlest of things can make the biggest impact. Nothing turns Linda on like when I take out the trash!"

BRETT TUTOR, 33

TRADING SPACES

The unmarried carpenter is a renaissance handyman—able to build furniture, fix leaks, and "I even taught myself to weld from watching YouTube," he says. A former stuntman, rock-climbing guide and singer-songwriter, he lives in an Airstream that he renovated himself. And he's modest to boot. "I think it's cool to not care about how your butt looks," he says. "Although the plumber crack is so classic. I don't think anybody wants that to go away."

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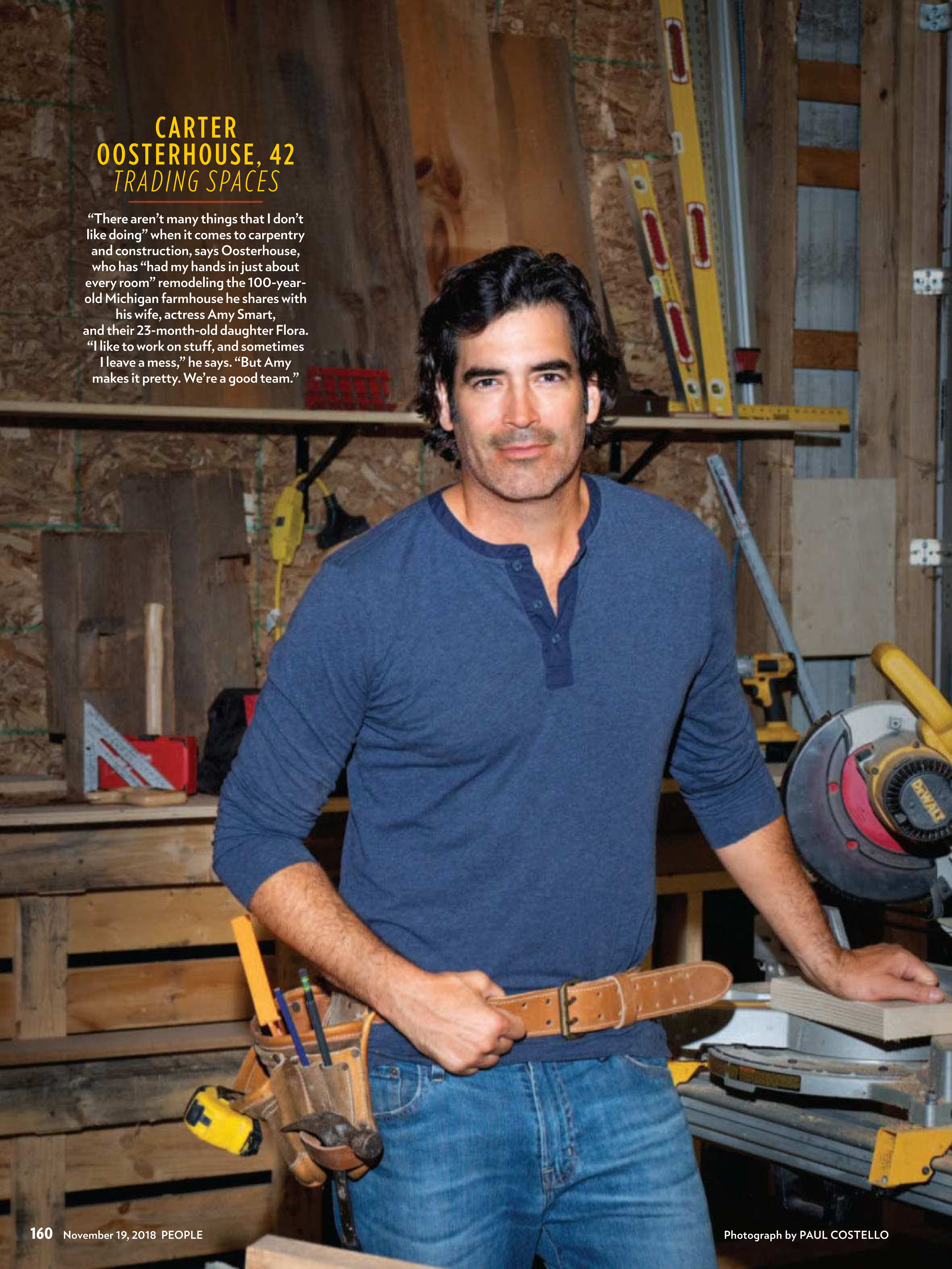

CARTER OOSTERHOUSE, 42

TRADING SPACES

"There aren't many things that I don't like doing" when it comes to carpentry and construction, says Oosterhouse, who has "had my hands in just about every room" remodeling the 100-year-old Michigan farmhouse he shares with his wife, actress Amy Smart, and their 23-month-old daughter Flora. "I like to work on stuff, and sometimes I leave a mess," he says. "But Amy makes it pretty. We're a good team."

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DERON JENKINS, 45

FLIP OR FLOP NASHVILLE

The former NFL cornerback, who renovates homes with his ex-girlfriend, works out five times a week: "My goal is that when people look at me, they say, 'Well, I can see that he used to play professional football.'" He has a way with curb appeal and artistic tile designs, but Jenkins says the average guy can impress others with three simple tools: "a screwdriver, a flashlight and a hammer. You can do a lot with those things."

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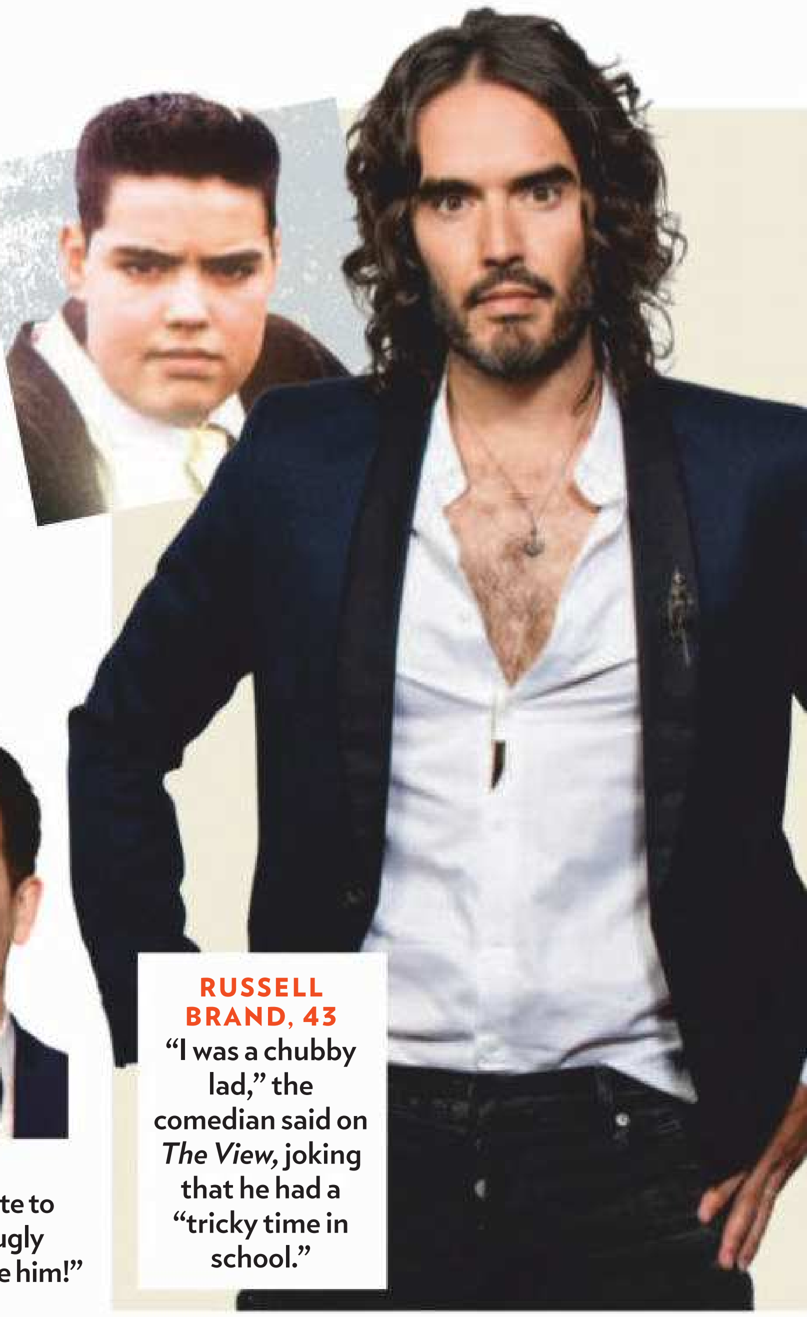
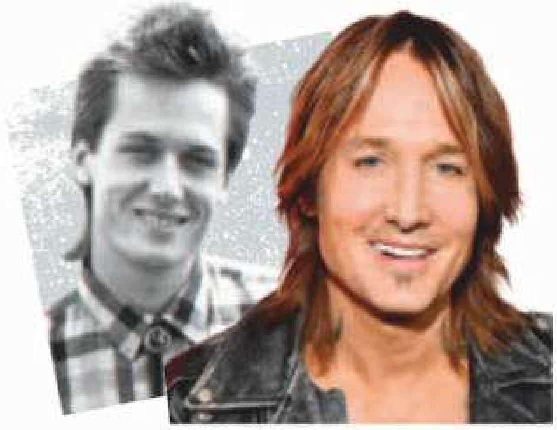
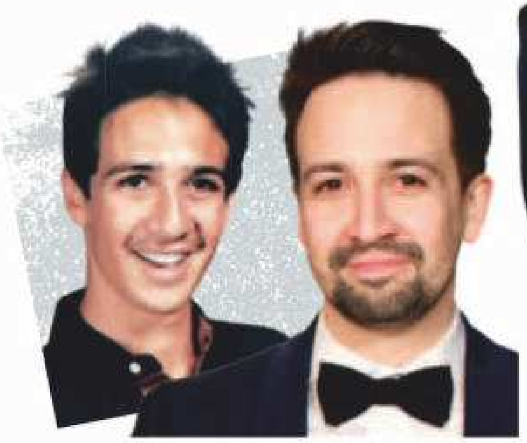


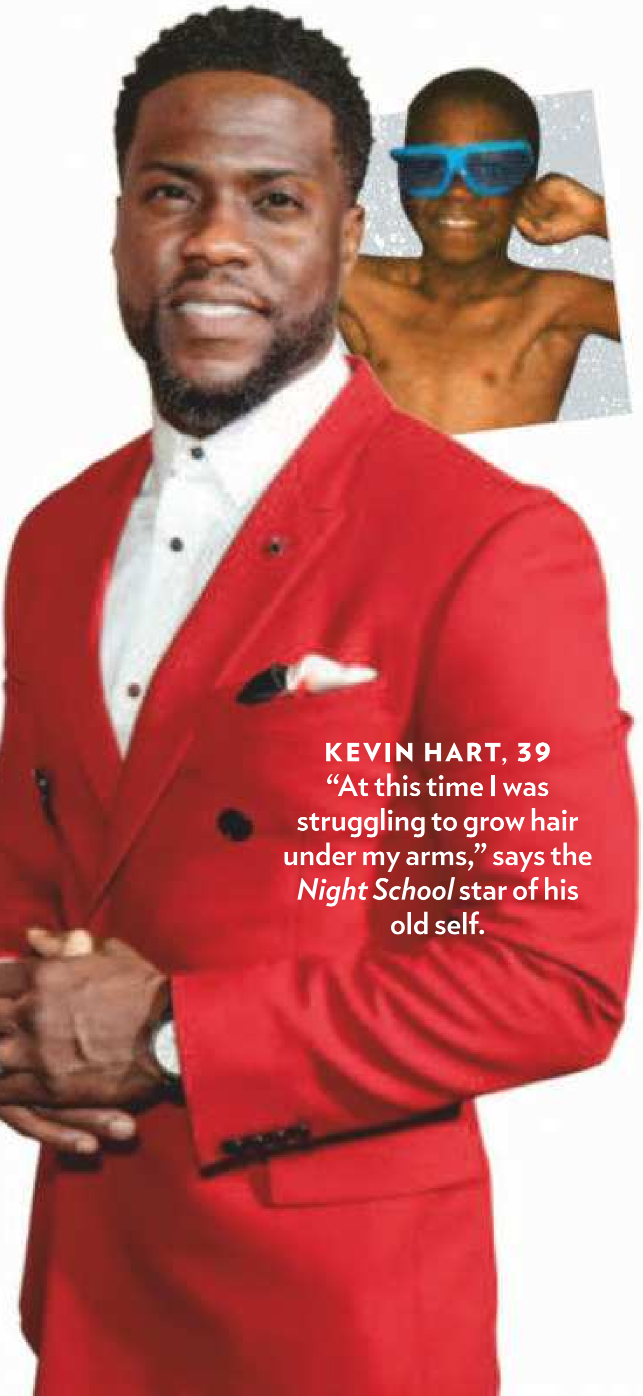
RUSSELL BRAND, 43
"I was a chubby lad," the comedian said on *The View,* joking that he had a "tricky time in school."



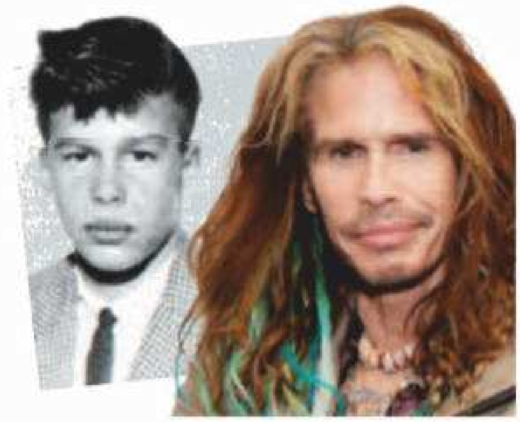
KEITH URBAN, 51
The country star joked on Instagram: "80's week has come and gone on @AmericanIdol…luckily so has this awesome look I had goin' on!!!!"



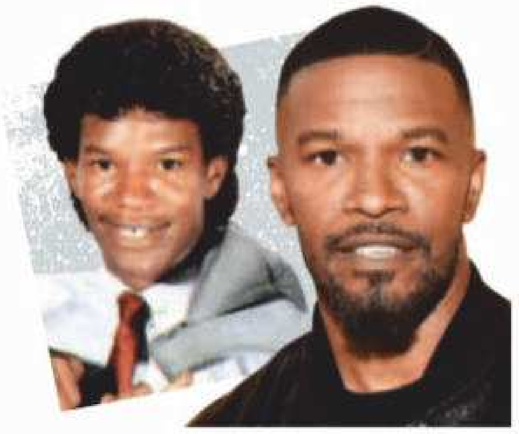
LIN-MANUEL MIRANDA, 38
The *Hamilton* creator said he could relate to *The Phantom of the Opera,* "about an ugly songwriter who wants to get girls to notice him!"



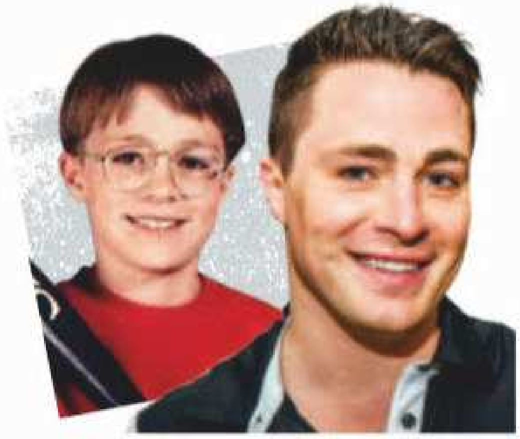
KEVIN HART, 39
"At this time I was struggling to grow hair under my arms," says the *Night School* star of his old self.



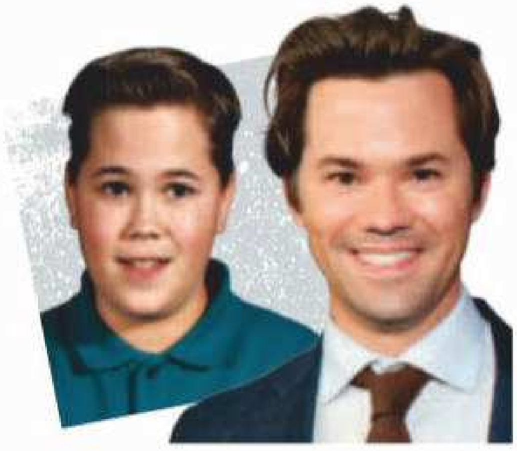
STEVEN TYLER, 70
"The first thing I did was grow my hair long," says the Aerosmith frontman of developing his signature look.



JAMIE FOXX, 50
The *Robin Hood* actor said he was "this big-headed skinny kid" raised by his grandmother with a "strong dose of discipline."



COLTON HAYNES, 30
"I wasn't an awkward kid at all…nope, not me," the actor—who was raised on a farm in Kansas—captioned this Insta throwback.



ANDREW RANNELLS, 40
"I thought I was going to be so cool," said the actor, who stars in the upcoming comedy series *Black Monday,* of his child modeling gigs.

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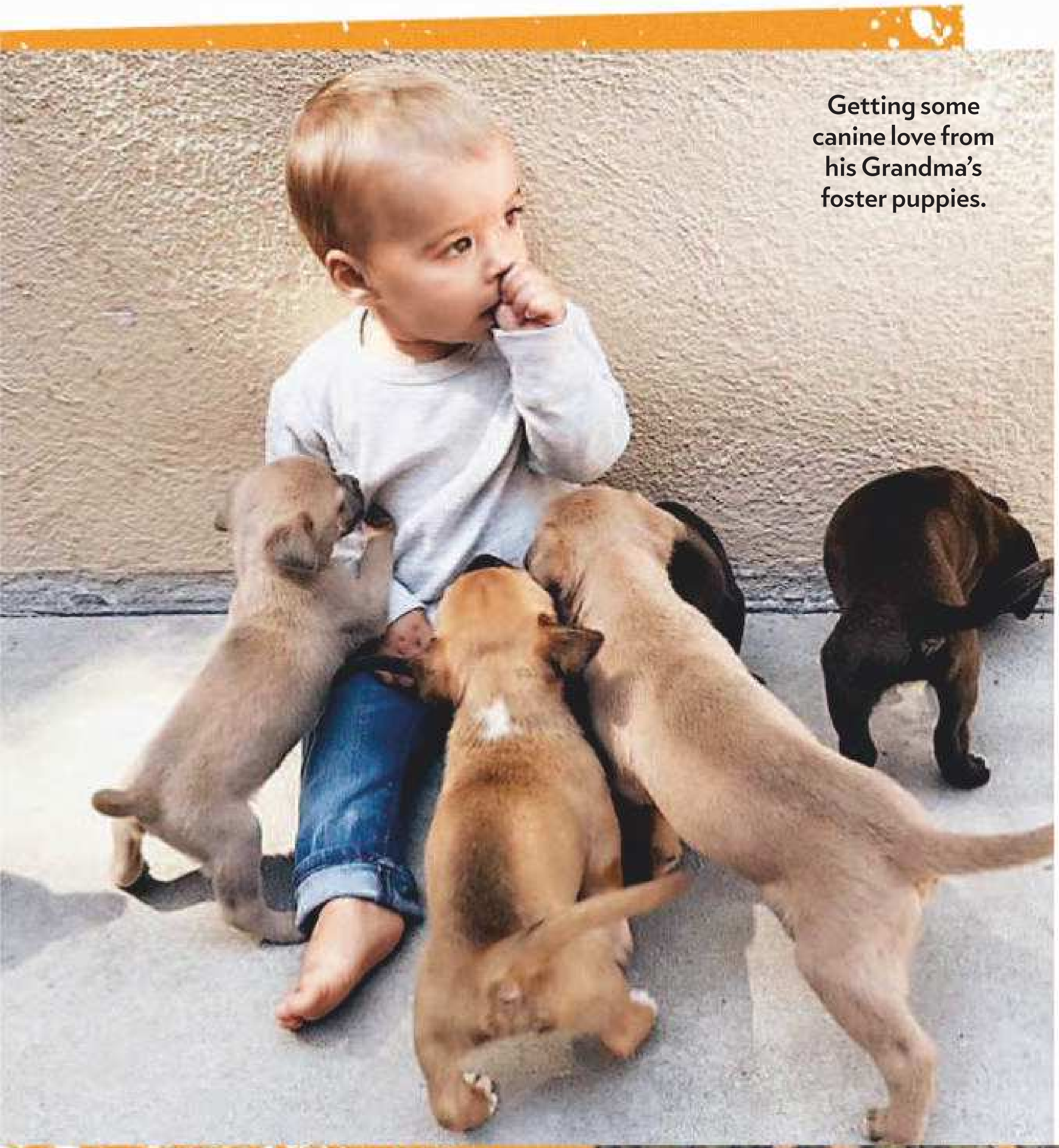

Getting some canine love from his Grandma's foster puppies.

"Celebrating my first Mother's Day," Conrad wrote.

It's all eyes on Mom as they head to a dinner date.

Taking baby steps with the help of his dad, William Tell.

Matching smiles and ears with the Easter Bunny.

"This little pumpkin is growing up so fast," Conrad posted.

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ANNA GORDON

Lemon-Ricotta Cookies

'THIS RECIPE IS PRETTY FOOLPROOF,' SAYS THE FOUNDER OF THE GOOD BATCH BAKERY IN BROOKLYN

- **2½ cups all-purpose flour**
- **1 tsp. baking powder**
- **½ tsp. baking soda**
- **½ tsp. table salt**
- **1⅓ cups granulated sugar**
- **½ cup softened unsalted butter**
- **2 large eggs**
- **1 Tbsp. vanilla extract**
- **½ cup ricotta cheese**
- **1 (8-oz.) container sour cream**
- **1 cup prepared lemon curd**

1. Preheat oven to 375°. Whisk together flour, baking powder, baking soda and salt in a bowl. Beat sugar and butter in bowl of a stand mixer fitted with the paddle attachment on medium speed until well-blended, about 1 minute. Add eggs and vanilla; beat until incorporated, about 30 seconds. Add ricotta and sour cream; beat on low speed, and stop to scrape down sides of bowl. Add half of flour mixture to sugar mixture; beat on low speed, and stop to scrape down sides of bowl. Add remaining flour mixture; beat on medium speed until fully incorporated, about 10 seconds.
2. Drop 1-ounce dollops (about 2 tablespoons) of prepared batter, spaced 2 inches apart, onto 2 baking sheets lined with parchment paper. Bake in oven 12 minutes, rotating baking sheets front to back halfway through bake time. Remove from oven.
3. Using the back of a teaspoon, make a deep indentation on the top of each warm cookie. Return cookies to oven; bake until edges just turn golden brown, about 2 minutes. Remove from oven; cool completely, about 30 minutes. Spoon lemon curd evenly into indentations of cooled cookies.

Makes: 3 dozen cookies
Active time: 15 minutes
Total time: 1 hour

Quick Tip!
If dough is sticking to your spoon, spray the spoon lightly with cooking spray. The dollops will slip off easily, and the indentations will be smooth

FOOD STYLIST: ANNA HAMPTON; PROP STYLIST: CHRISTINE KEELEY; INSET: STEVEN HARTONG

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Pizza-Stuffed Bell Peppers

THE NUTRITIONIST AND AUTHOR OF *JOY'S SIMPLE FOOD REMEDIES* SHARES A 'NUTRIENT-PACKED' WEEKDAY DINNER

Cooking spray
1 lb. 93 percent lean ground turkey
1 Tbsp. dried Italian seasoning
1 tsp. crushed red pepper (optional)
1½ cups jarred marinara sauce, divided
1 (15-oz.) can black beans, drained and rinsed
4 red bell peppers, halved vertically, seeds and ribs removed
2 oz. part-skim mozzarella cheese, shredded (about ½ cup)
¼ cup grated fresh Parmesan cheese
½ cup thinly sliced cherry tomatoes
½ cup finely chopped red onion
Chopped fresh basil

1. Preheat oven to 350°. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper.
2. Coat a large skillet with cooking spray, and heat over medium. Add turkey, Italian seasoning and crushed red pepper, and cook, stirring with a spoon to break into pieces, 6 to 8 minutes. Add 1 cup marinara, and cook, stirring occasionally, 1 more minute. Add beans, and cook 1 to 2 more minutes. Remove from heat.
3. Place bell pepper halves on baking sheet; spoon ½ cup turkey mixture into each half. Bake until peppers are tender, about 25 minutes.
4. Remove from oven, and top each with 1 tablespoon marinara. Sprinkle with mozzarella, Parmesan, sliced tomatoes and onion.
5. Return to oven; bake until cheese is melted, about 15 more minutes. Garnish with fresh basil. Let stand 5 minutes before serving.
Serves: 4 **Active time:** 20 minutes
Total time: 1 hour
Per serving: 408 calories, 15g fat, 1,022mg sodium, 32g carbs, 9g fiber, 11g sugar, 34g protein

FOOD STYLIST: TINA STAMOS; PROP STYLIST: LYDIA PURSEL; INSETS, CLOCKWISE FROM TOP RIGHT: LUCY SCHAEFFER; LASZLO SELLY/GETTY IMAGES; ISTOCKPHOTO/GETTY IMAGES(2)

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By Ana Calderone, Sonal Dutt and Jessica Fecteau

El Moussa (with Brayden, left, and Taylor) admits she's "not a great cook," so she keeps meals simple and kid-friendly.

CHRISTINA EL MOUSSA

A Table with Room to Grow

THE STAR OF HGTV'S *FLIP OR FLOP* HAS A LOT ON HER PLATE BUT ALWAYS PUTS FAMILY TIME FIRST

FOR CHRISTINA EL MOUSSA, dinner at home is all about spending time with her children, not cooking up an elaborate meal. "During the week it's very busy with school and sports, so I keep it pretty simple by turning to what I have in the fridge that's quick," says the star of HGTV's *Flip or Flop* and *Christina on the Coast,* who shares daughter Taylor, 8, and son Brayden, 3, with ex-husband and costar Tarek. While the wellness-conscious mom tries to incorporate organic produce and healthy recipes—panko-crusted chicken and vegan chili are go-tos—into family meals whenever possible, she admits "the kids are kids" and their favorite dish is a little more indulgent. "Chocolate-chip pancakes with syrup and whipped cream" occasionally make it into their dinner rotation too, says El Moussa, 35. The kids lend a hand stirring in the chocolate chips and "eating a few in the process." These days the dinner crowd has grown to include her boyfriend of one year, British TV presenter Ant Anstead, and his two kids, Amelie, 15, and Archie, 12, from his previous marriage. Their gatherings as a "blended family," she says, are about appreciating the time they have together and looking toward the future. "We love catching up about our day during dinner," says El Moussa, "and making plans for the weekend." —**MACKENZIE SCHMIDT**

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THE ACTRESS, 46, STARS IN THE HBO COMEDY SERIES *CAMPING*

Last time I faced my fears

I was on a very, very turbulent flight, so I put ABBA on my phone and put in earbuds and fake-danced in my seat. You have to attack it.

Last time I was starstruck

Whenever I hear from one of my favorite ballerinas on Instagram. I love ballet. I've never met any of them, but I almost have to get somebody to read it to me because I get so excited.

Last wardrobe malfunction

My skirt got caught in my panties at church a couple of weeks ago, and I almost walked into the congregation after going to the restroom with full biscuit showing. Luckily I felt a breeze pretty quickly.

Last injury

Shooting *Peppermint*, I got a tiny fracture in my hand from a fight, and I gave myself whiplash. I got beat up pretty well on that movie.

Last time I sang out loud

I sang to my son [Sam, 6] last night. I have sung "Rainbow Connection" probably 16 million times. We read, the lights are out, there's a favorite blanket, he's on my lap, and I rock him and sing. There's no better feeling.

Reported by **Julie Jordan**

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